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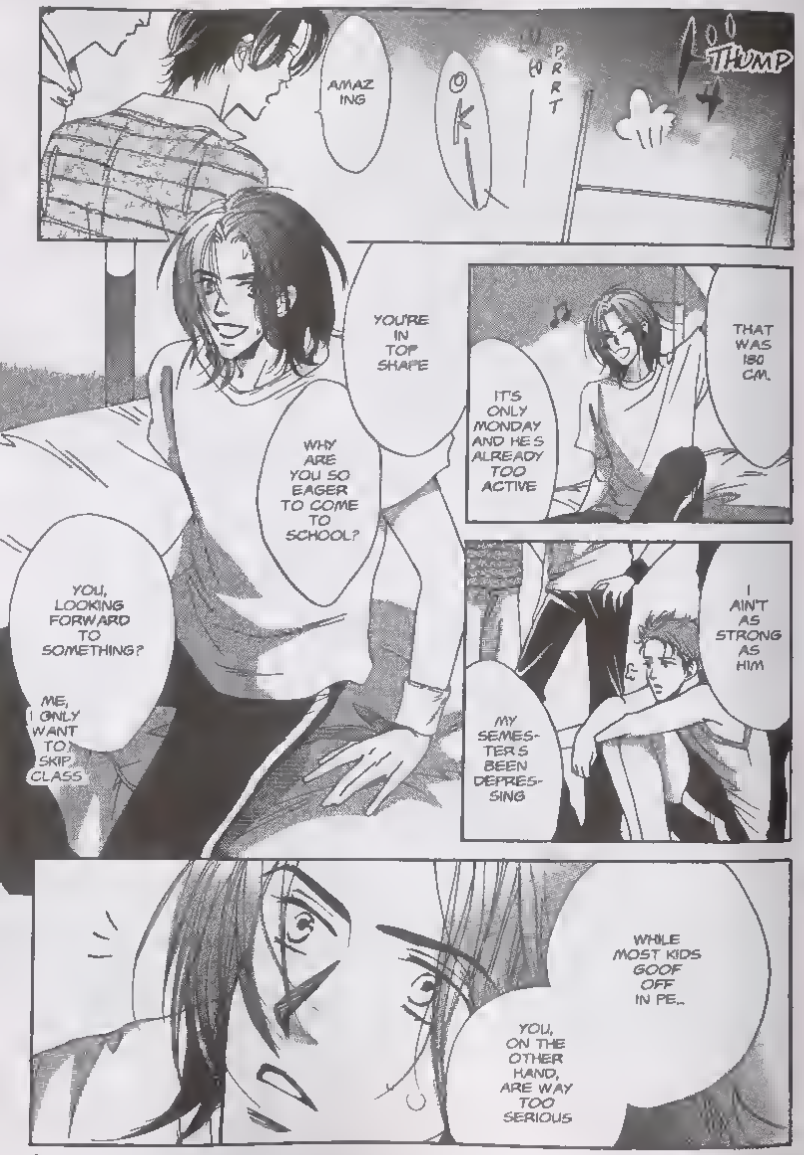
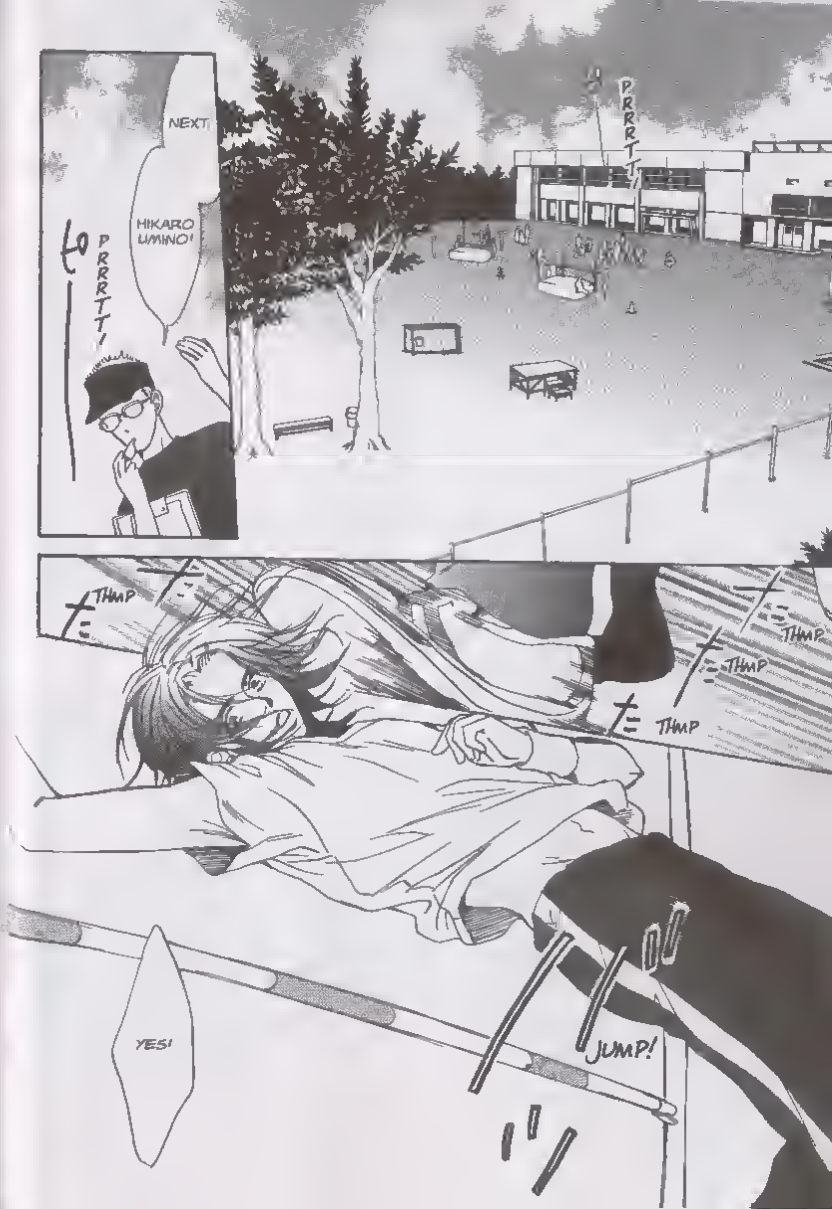
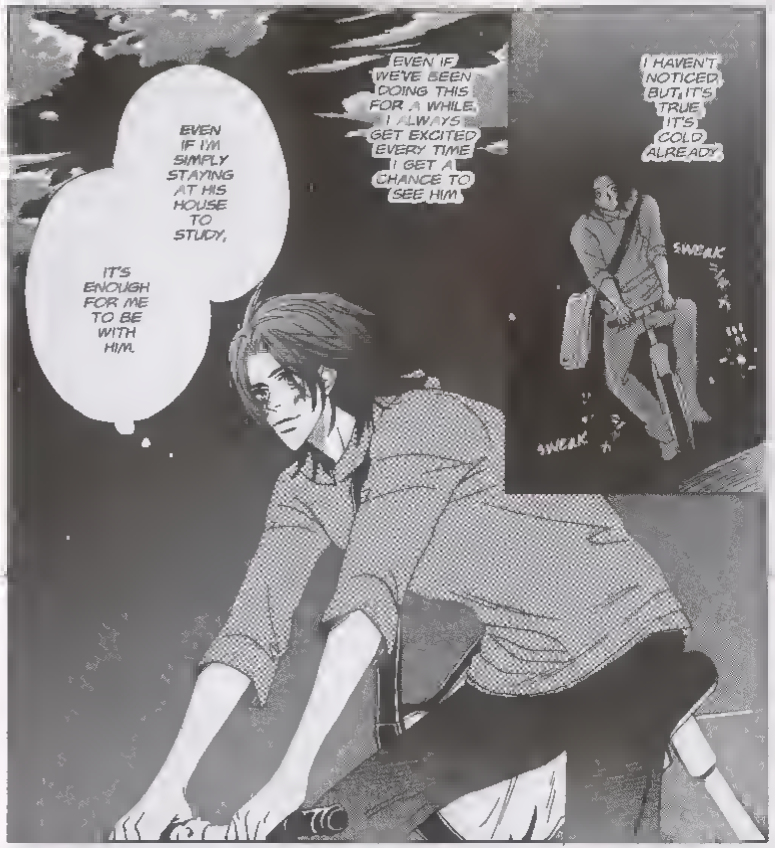

AMAZ ING
PRRT
OK!
THUMP
YOU'RE IN TOP SHAPE
WHY ARE YOU SO EAGER TO COME TO SCHOOL?
ME, I ONLY WANT TO SKIP CLASS
YOU, LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING?
IT'S ONLY MONDAY AND HE'S ALREADY TOO ACTIVE
THAT WAS 180 CM.
I AIN'T AS STRONG AS HIM
MY SEMESTER'S BEEN DEPRESSING
WHILE MOST KIDS GOOF OFF IN PE..
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE WAY TOO SERIOUS

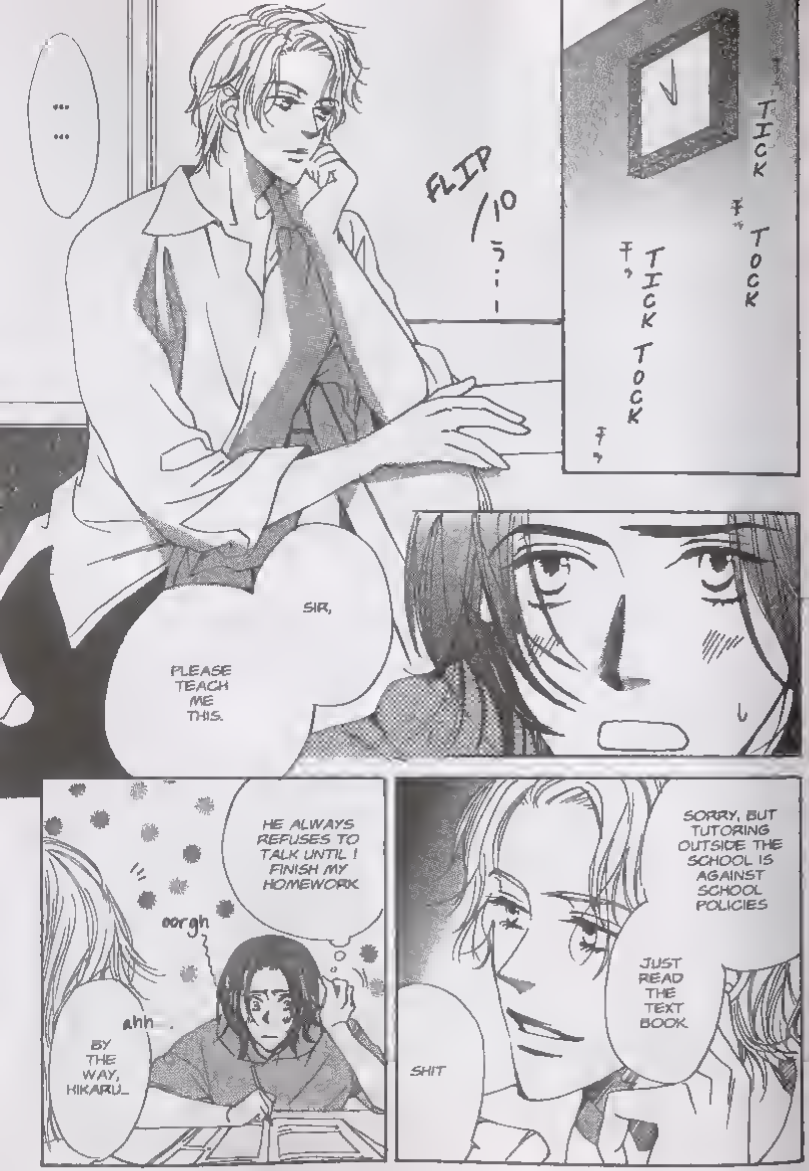

NEXT
HIKARO UMINO!
PRRRTT!
PRRRTT!
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
YES!
JUMP!

HIKARU, ARE YOU STAYING OUT OVER-NIGHT?
Y..YES.
THERE'S A STUDY GROUP AT KATO'S HOUSE
THERE SEEMS TO BE ONE EVERY WEEK.
IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, WHY DON'T YOU WEAR SOMETHING THICKER?
DON'T WORRY, I'M OKAY.
I'm LEAVING
KA-CLAK
ガチャ…
IN FACT...
I'M STAYING AT MR. SHIMA'S.
grip

MR. SHIMA...

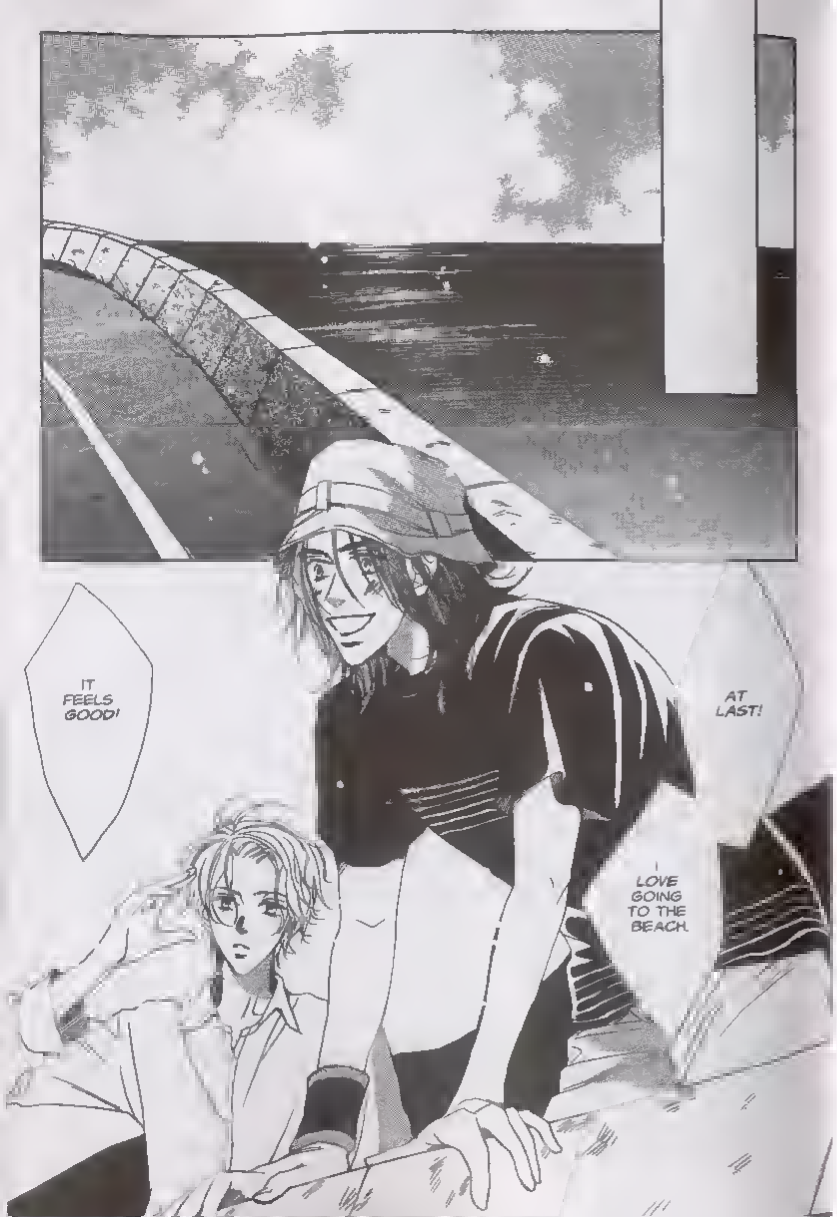
HE IS WATCHING AS USUAL.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY FIRST PERIOD CLASSES SO HE IS WATCHING FROM THE WINDOW OF THE FACULTY ROOM.
WELL, GOTTA GO BE IMPRES-SIVE.


I HAVEN'T NOTICED BUT, IT'S TRUE IT'S COLD ALREADY
SWEAK
SWEAK
EVEN IF WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A WHILE, I ALWAYS GET EXCITED EVERY TIME I GET A CHANCE TO SEE HIM.
EVEN IF I'M SIMPLY STAYING AT HIS HOUSE TO STUDY,
IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME TO BE WITH HIM.

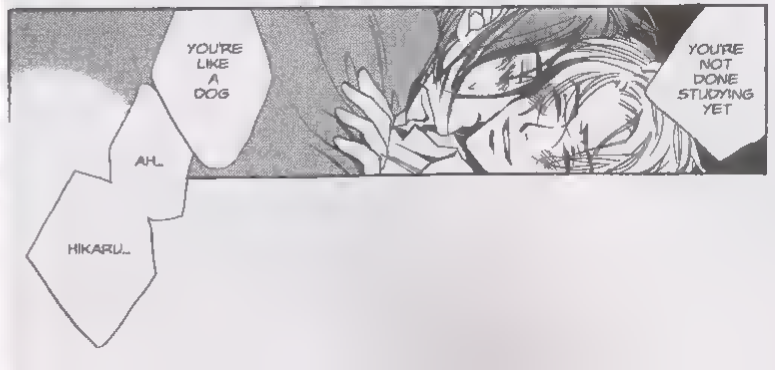

...
...
FLIP
/10
TICK TOCK
TICK TOCK
SIR,
PLEASE TEACH ME THIS.
HE ALWAYS REFUSES TO TALK UNTIL I FINISH MY HOMEWORK
oorgh
ahh...
BY THE WAY, HIKARU...
SORRY, BUT TUTORING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL IS AGAINST SCHOOL POLICIES
JUST READ THE TEXT BOOK
SHIT

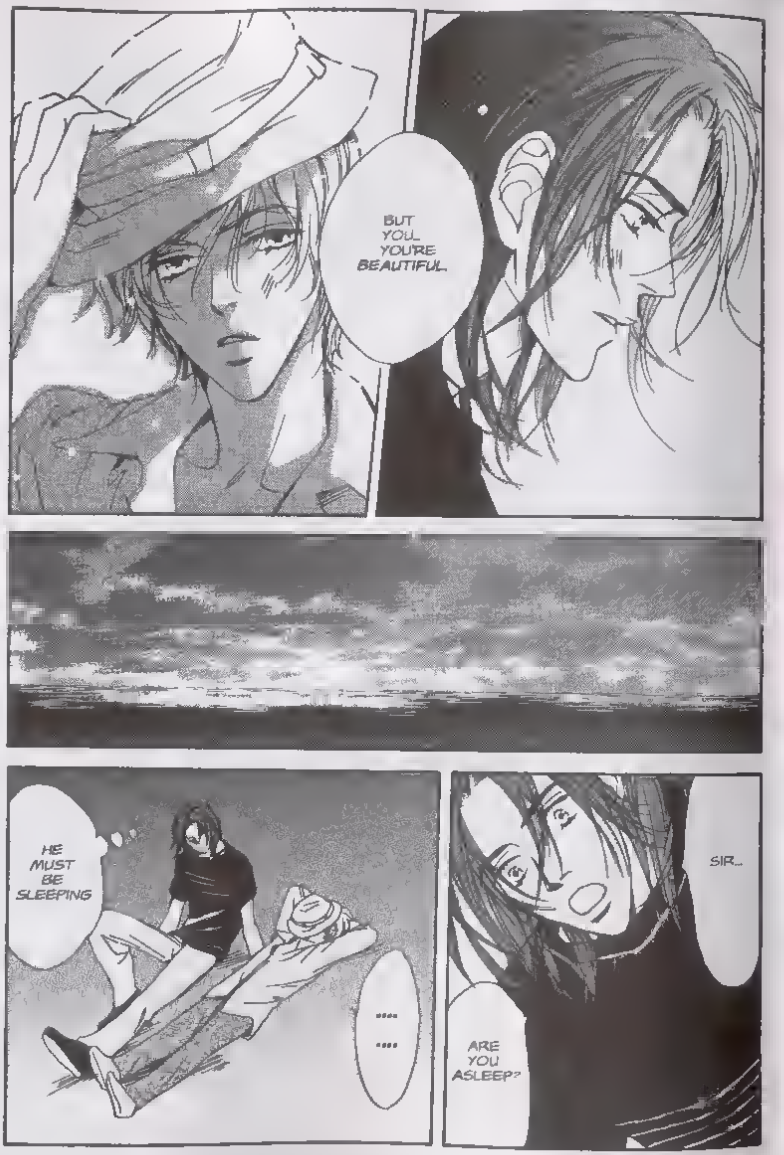
SMOOCH
!
CLASP
LET'S HAVE A DATE INSTEAD OF STUDYING NEXT WEEKEND!
I'M THINKING...
...THAT YOUR REWARD IS...

WORD'S GOING AROUND IN THE FACULTY ROOM THAT YOU MET THE REQUIRED PRE ENTRANCE EXAM GRADE FROM YOUR DESIRED SCHOOL.
AHH...
YUP!
GOOD JOB, HIKARU
YOU'RE STUDYING VERY HARD
YOUR TEACHER WAS PRAISING YOU.
SIR...
IT'S NO BIG DEAL, THOUGH.
YES...
THIS IS GOOD!


IT FEELS GOOD!
AT LAST!
I LOVE GOING TO THE BEACH.

YIPEE!
YES! YES!
TIME FOR A BREAK.
HUG!
INTER-ESTED?
WHOA!
HEY, DON'T
THUMP
YOU'RE... ...TOO EXCITED!


YOU'RE LIKE A DOG
YOU'RE NOT DONE STUDYING YET
AH...
HIKARU...


AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU, I CAN ENJOY ANYTHING
haha はは
YOU PROBABLY WANT TO GO TO THE MOVIES BUT...
ARE YOU HAVING FUN?
YES!
MY FRIENDS' PLAN OF GOING TO THE BEACH WAS CANCELLED.
BUT I LOVE THE BEACH, SO I WILL ENJOY THIS.
IT'S TOO SUNNY
SCARED OF SUN BURN?
NO THANKS.
YOU'LL GET SUN BURNT INSTEAD
I DON'T CARE, I'M AL-READY DARK.
USE THIS

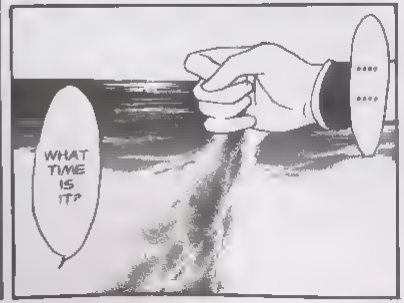
BUT YOU... YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL.
HE MUST BE SLEEPING
.....
.....
SIR...
ARE YOU ASLEEP?

I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES WE KISSED
A KISS LIKE ORDINARY LOVERS DO

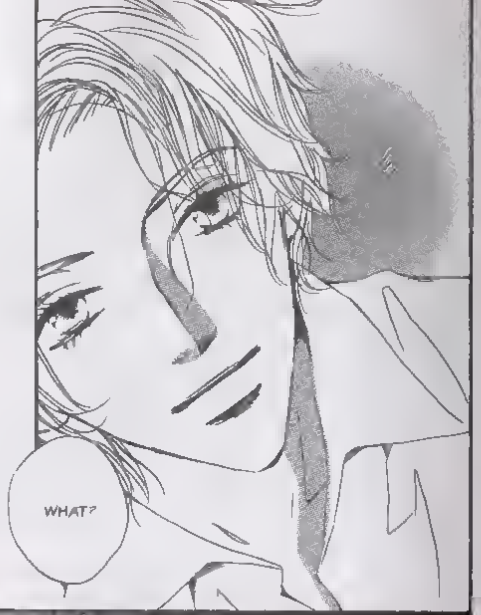
I'M FORCING HIM...
SHWSSS
TRAVELING BY TRAIN IS ORDINARY FOR ME, BUT IT MUST VERY TIRING FOR HIM

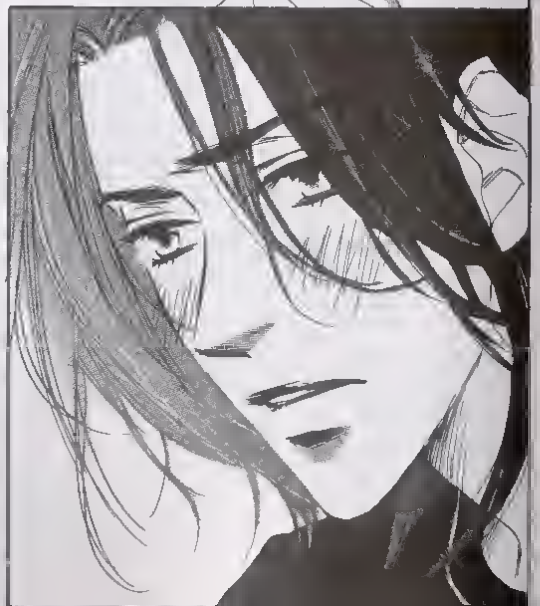
WELL...
MAYBE PAST SIX.
I SEE.
WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME

TRAIN STATION
HIKARU
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO BE SEEN BY OTHER STUDENTS DURING OUR DATES.


WHAT TIME IS IT?
....
....

I WISH TIME WOULD STOP FOR A WHILE...

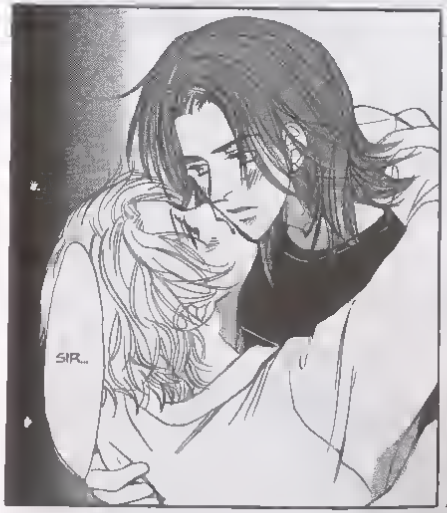


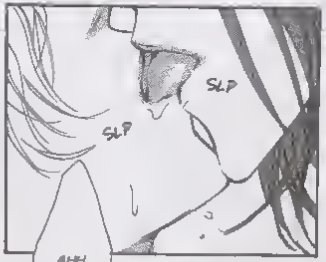


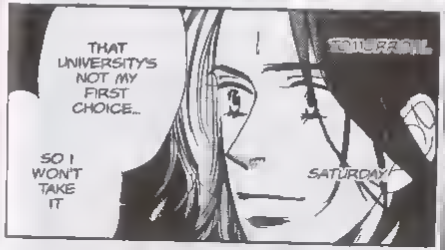
BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP IS JUST A PRETENSE.

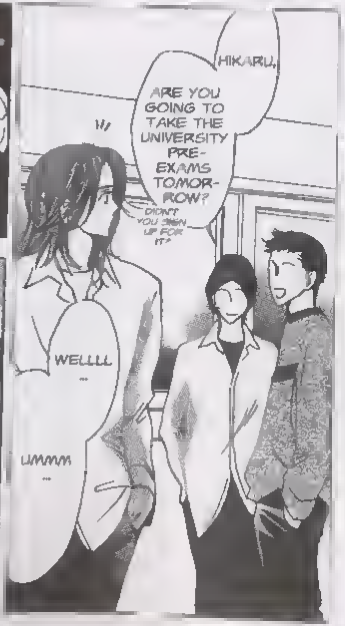
AND IT CAN'T BE MORE THAN THAT.

A FEW MONTHS TO GO BEFORE THIS ENDS.

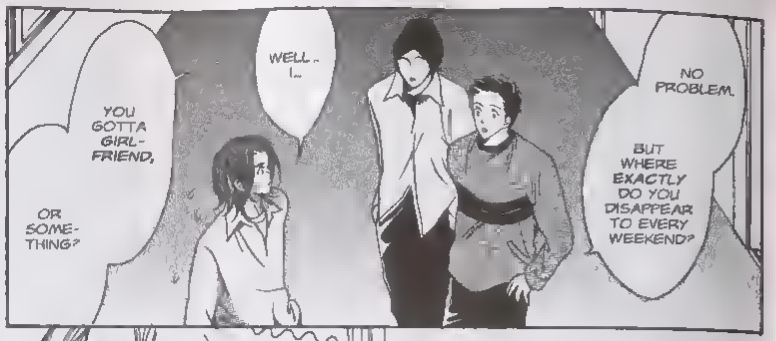





THAT UNIVERSITY'S NOT MY FIRST CHOICE...
SO I WON'T TAKE IT
TOMORROW
SATURDAY!


HIKARU,
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THE UNIVERSITY PRE-EXAMS TOMORROW?
DIDN'T YOU SIGN UP FOR IT?
W/
WELLLL...
UMMM...

CAN I USE YOU AS AN EXCUSE AND SAY THAT I'M STUDYING AT YOUR HOUSE THIS WEEKEND?
BY THE WAY, CAN I ASK FOR A FAVOR?
REALLY?
WHO?


YOU GOTTA GIRL-FRIEND, OR SOME-THING?
WELL.. I...
NO PROBLEM.
BUT WHERE EXACTLY DO YOU DISAPPEAR TO EVERY WEEKEND?

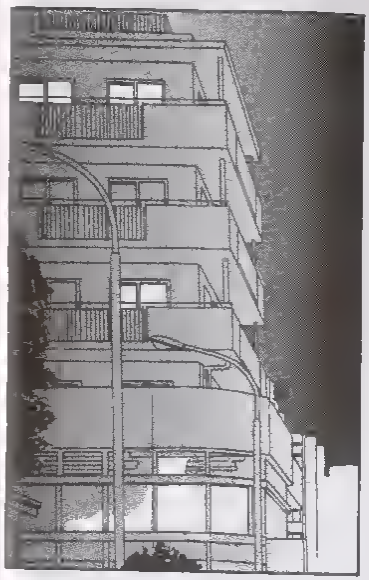
YES.
THAT'S HIM.
DON'T YOU THINK HE'S GETTING...

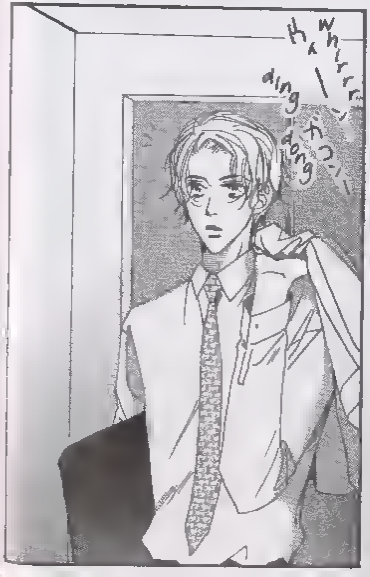
NO...
NOT A GIRL FRIEND
REALLY?

TELL ME!
OH
THAT'S MR SHIMA, RIGHT?
WELL...

SIR...
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...?
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING SOME.
AND I HEARD A RUMOR THAT HE'S GOING TO BUY A CAR. MAYBE HE'S GOT A GIRL...

I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER HIM.
ガチャ ガチャ…
SO HOW'S YOUR HOME-WORK?
cling
SORRY, I CAME HOME LATE
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST CALL ME INSTEAD OF WAIT-ING?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
HIKARU?
YEAH.
WELCOME BACK!
JUST A FEW MORE PAGES.
I PLAN TO DO THOSE IN YOUR ROOM
I'M GONNA TAKE A BATH WHILE YOU STUDY
OK?
SIR...
I WANT... TO TAKE A BATH TOO
YOU HAVE TO FINISH YOUR WORK FIRST

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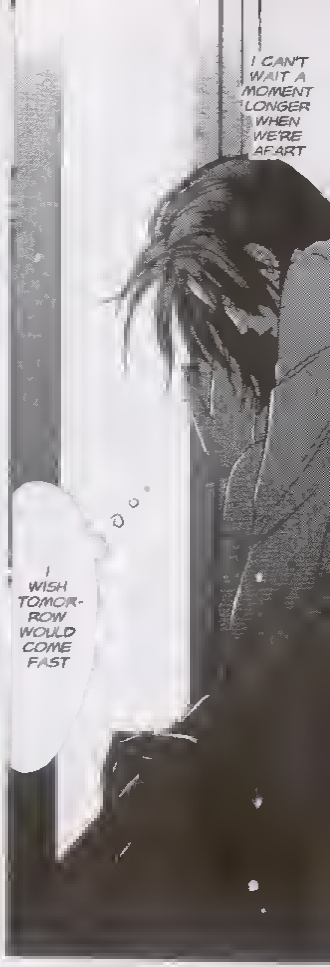
ding dong


I CAN'T WAIT A MOMENT LONGER WHEN WE'RE APART
I WISH TOMOR-ROW WOULD COME FAST

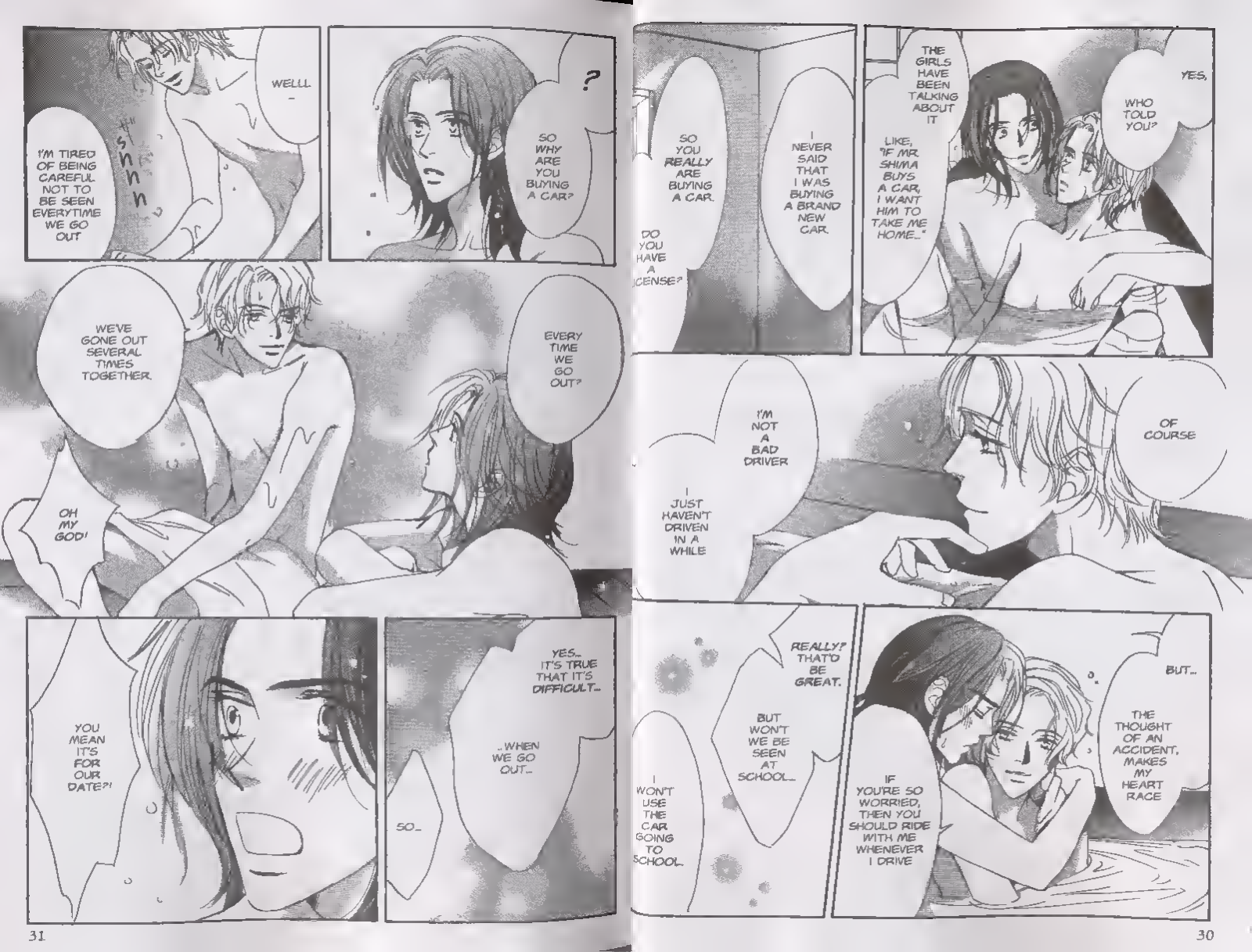
AH...
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE ANY MOMENT WITH YOU
I REALLY WANT TO DO THIS AS MUCH AS I CAN

KAO CHAK
HIKARU
KI-YU
SHWWW
PLAP
IT'S DONE
REALLY?
HEY, STUDENT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK?

WHAT ?
AHH...
I'M ALMOST...
HAAA...
AH!
AH... HIKARU...
SIR...
....
....
....
....

MORE... HIKARU!
DEEPER
=HUFF=
=HUFF=
AH!
UHHHHHN...
SIR...
I...
IT'S MAKING ME CRAZY...

AHHHH!!!
UH, UH,
I'M... GOOD!
COMING...
AHHH
YOU ALWAYS GO FIRST...
SHLRRK
!!
SIR...
MMM...
TOO TIGHT, IN HERE
.....
.....
DRIP
I HEARD...
...YOU WERE BUYING A CAR, ARE YOU?
SMILE
OOPS
SIR!
NNN...
SHLRK
UHN...
UHNNN
SHLRK
SHLRK

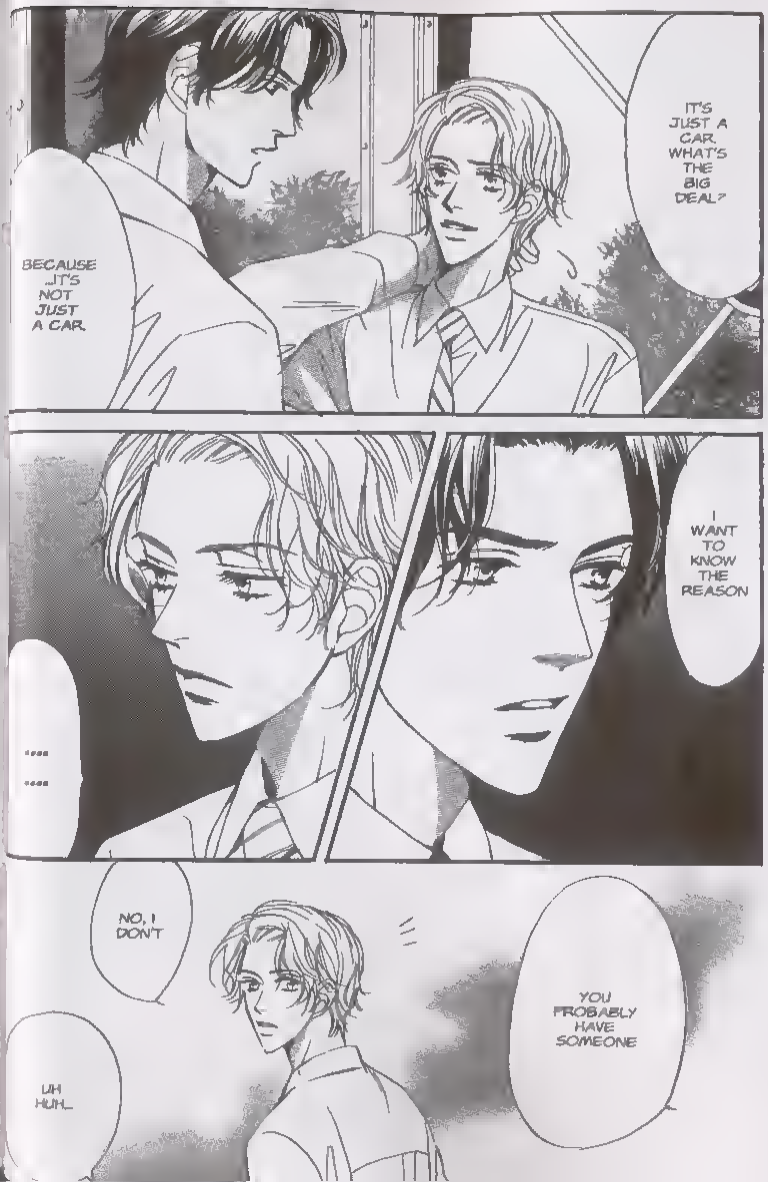

THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT
LIKE, "IF MR. SHIMA BUYS A CAR, I WANT HIM TO TAKE ME HOME..."
YES,
WHO TOLD YOU?
I NEVER SAID THAT I WAS BUYING A BRAND NEW CAR.
SO YOU REALLY ARE BUYING A CAR.
DO YOU HAVE A LICENSE?
I'M NOT A BAD DRIVER
I JUST HAVEN'T DRIVEN IN A WHILE
OF COURSE
IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, THEN YOU SHOULD RIDE WITH ME WHENEVER I DRIVE
BUT...
THE THOUGHT OF AN ACCIDENT, MAKES MY HEART RACE
REALLY? THAT'D BE GREAT.
BUT WON'T WE BE SEEN AT SCHOOL...
I WON'T USE THE CAR GOING TO SCHOOL.
WELLL
I'M TIRED OF BEING CAREFUL NOT TO BE SEEN EVERYTIME WE GO OUT
shhh
?
SO WHY ARE YOU BUYING A CAR?
WE'VE GONE OUT SEVERAL TIMES TOGETHER.
EVERY TIME WE GO OUT?
OH MY GOD!
YOU MEAN IT'S FOR OUR DATE?!
YES... IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S DIFFICULT...
..WHEN WE GO OUT...
SO...

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE REASON
IT'S STILL GREAT!
SPLASH
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I'D BUY,
BUT BECAUSE I WANT THE COMFORT
IT'S LIKE A DREAM...
I CAN GO ON A DATE WITH YOU IN YOUR CAR.
I'VE BEEN LONGING TO GO TO DIFFERENT PLACES WITH YOU
AND SEE MANY THINGS.

I SEE...
I LOVE YOU, SIR
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.

WHY A CAR?
BEING WATCHED_
AFTER THE MARRIAGE RUMORS, STUDENTS ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT THIS.
YEAH, SO I HEARD
LET'S GO OUTSIDE
SHIMA,
OR DID SOMETHING HAPPEN THAT YOU NOW NEED A CAR?
YOU PLANNING A LONG TRIP?
AMA-MIYA ...
AMAMIYA?
SO_
HEARD YOU WERE BUYING A CAR

YOU MUST BE IN LOVE.
SHIMA ...
I DON'T HAVE TO REPORT TO YOU RIGHT?
EVEN IF I WAS,
I AM AWAKE!
WAKE UP, AMAMIYA.
SO WE CAN BE TOGETHER AGAIN?
CAN'T YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND..

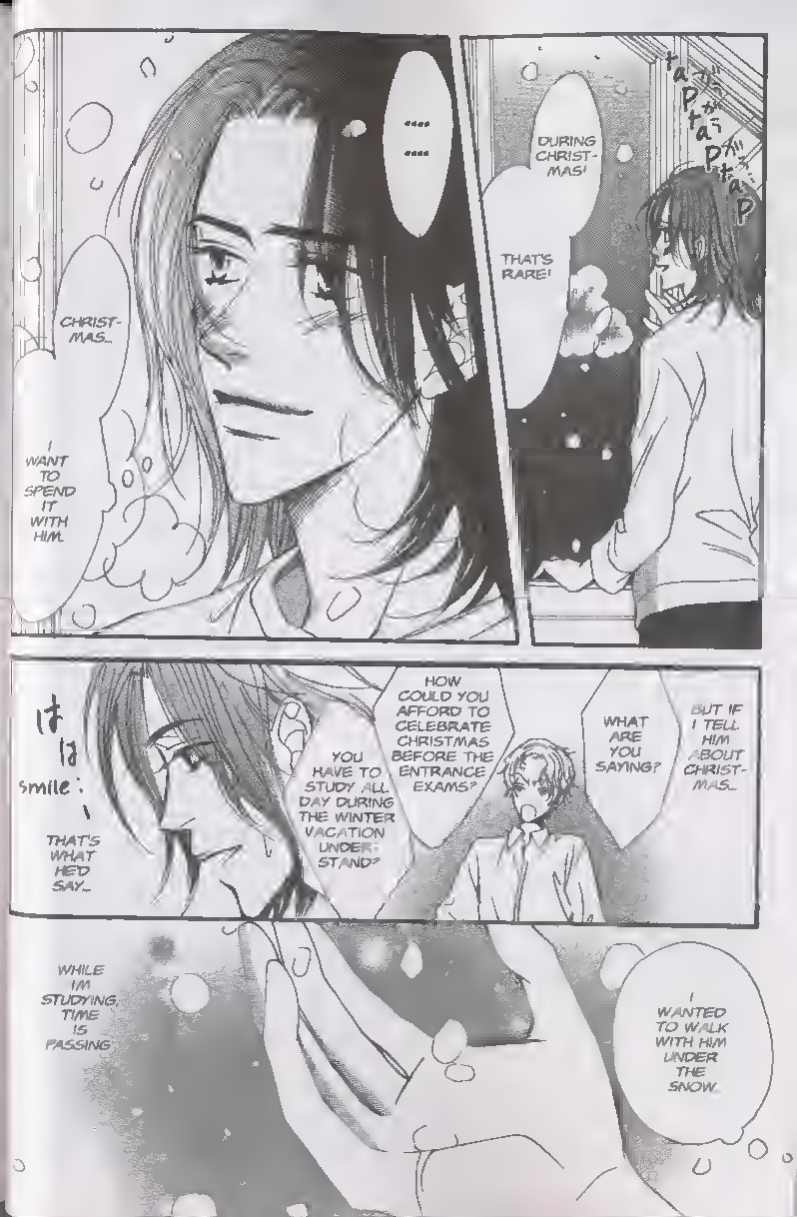

BECAUSE ...IT'S NOT JUST A CAR.
IT'S JUST A CAR. WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
I WANT TO KNOW THE REASON
.....
.....
NO, I DON'T
UH HUH..
YOU PROBABLY HAVE SOMEONE

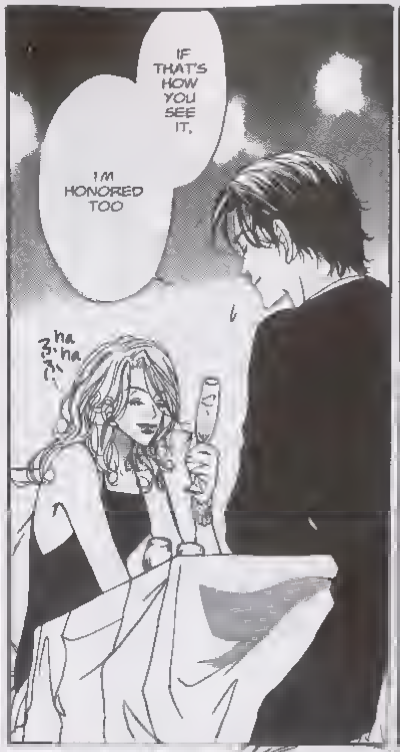
DON'T STAND IN ONE PLACE FOR A LONG TIME
YOU'RE A MAN WHO'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A NEW LOVE, RIGHT?
DON'T LOOK BACK, MOVE FORWARD!
YOU HAVE A FUTURE
SHIT! IT'S NOT SO EASY TO CHANGE MY MIND
THEN I GUESS, I'M LEAVING
MR. AMAMIYA, PLEASE AVOID SWEARING IN SCHOOL.
SEE YOU
I WAS SPEAKING METAPHORICALLY
IDIOT

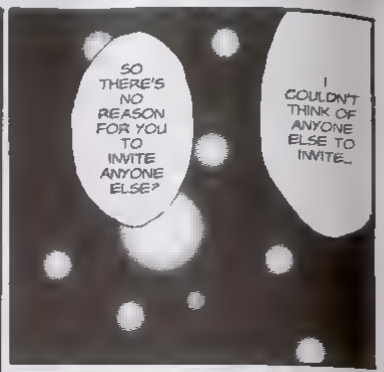
....
I DON'T HATE YOU.
BUT LET THINGS BE
IF WE GOT BACK TOGETHER, WE WOULD JUST REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES
HUMAN NATURE DOESN'T CHANGE SO EASILY
AT LEAST, I'M STILL THE SAME AS BEFORE
AMAMIYA
IF WE GO THROUGH THE SAME MISTAKES AGAIN...
WHO KNOWS WHETHER WE WOULD COMMIT THE SAME MISTAKES UNLESS WE TRY?
CAN YOU BEAR THAT?

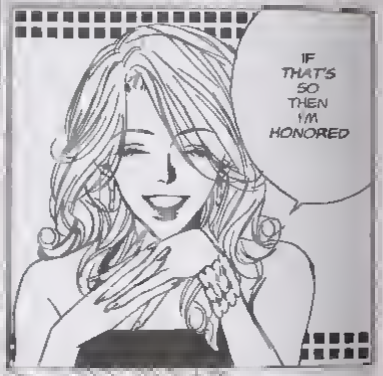
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
THOUGH I NEVER WANTED TO ADMIT THAT HE LOVES SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME
IT'S YOUR FAULT YOU'RE GETTING MORE BEAUTIFUL EVERYDAY
THE MARRIAGE STORY WAS JUST A RUMOR, BUT YOU ARE BUYING A CAR...
HEY, SHIMA...
WHO ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH?
WELL... TODAY'S DECEMBER 24TH.
SO THE ENTRANCE EXAM IS A MONTH AWAY...
sigh
EH...
IT'S SNOWING...

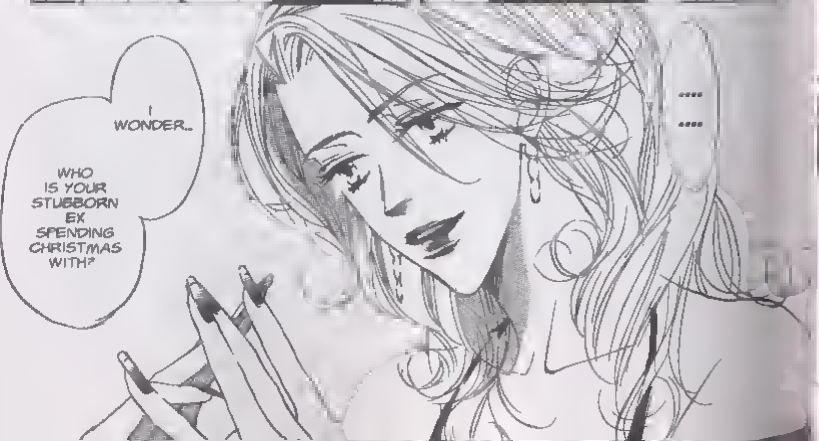
WELL, THIS IS... RARE
A FAKE RELATION-SHIP...
TIME WITH HIM ALONE...
HE'LL CALL IT QUITS SOON...

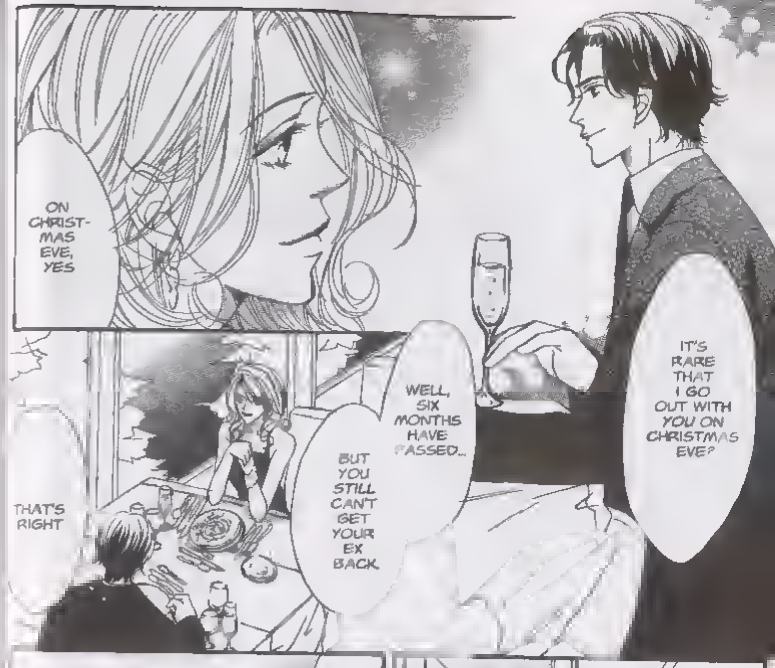

CHRIST-MAS...
I WANT TO SPEND IT WITH HIM.
DURING CHRIST-MAS!
THAT'S RARE!
はは
smile:
THAT'S WHAT HE'D SAY...
YOU HAVE TO STUDY ALL DAY DURING THE WINTER VACATION UNDER-STAND?
HOW COULD YOU AFFORD TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BEFORE THE ENTRANCE EXAMS?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
BUT IF I TELL HIM ABOUT CHRIST-MAS...
WHILE I'M STUDYING, TIME IS PASSING
I WANTED TO WALK WITH HIM UNDER THE SNOW.

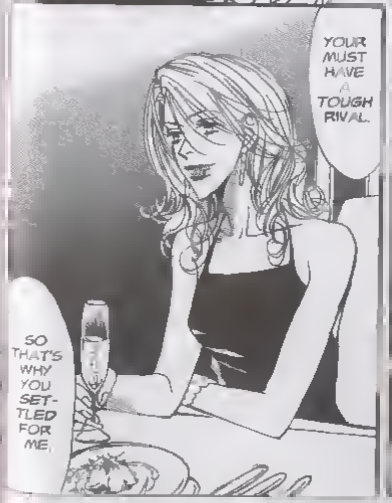

IF THAT'S HOW YOU SEE IT,
I'M HONORED TOO
ha ha


I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYONE ELSE TO INVITE...
SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO INVITE ANYONE ELSE?


IF THAT'S SO THEN I'M HONORED


I WONDER...
WHO IS YOUR STUBBORN EX SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH?
....
....


ON CHRISTMAS EVE, YES
IT'S RARE THAT I GO OUT WITH YOU ON CHRISTMAS EVE?
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT YOU STILL CAN'T GET YOUR EX BACK.
WELL, SIX MONTHS HAVE PASSED...

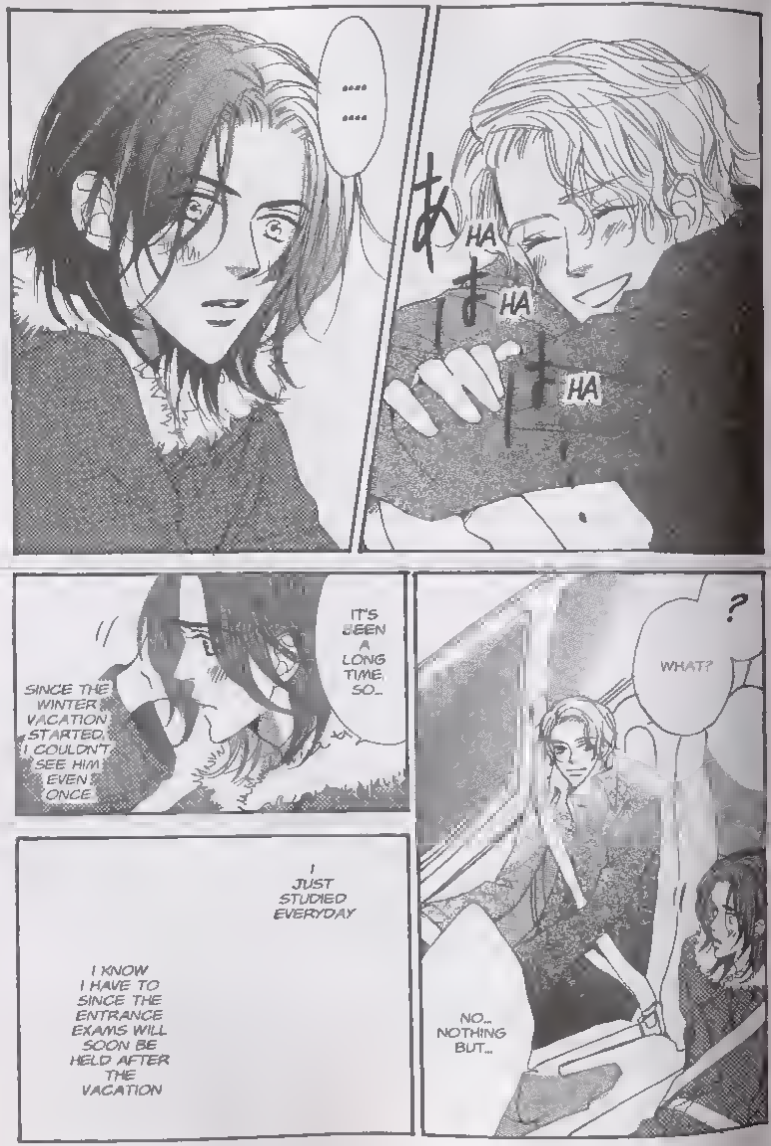

YOUR MUST HAVE A TOUGH RIVAL.
SO THAT'S WHY YOU SETTLED FOR ME.

HE'S BEING STUBBORN

THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
SIR,
YOUR FAVORITE IS SOLD OUT
SLAM
PORK BUN
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE SHOPPING FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ON HIM?
I DON'T KNOW_
.....
I DON'T KNOW

THANKS
I'LL BE ALRIGHT WITHOUT MY FAVORITE SNACK
YOUR FAVORITE, ORDINARY PORK BUNS WAS SOLD OUT.
BUT THEY HAVE SPECIAL ONES, SO I GOT IT
BUT MAYBE YOU'D PREFER A CHEAPER ONE LIKE PIZZA FLAVORED?
KASA
KASA
I DON'T CARE
IT'S NOT SO SUPRISINGLY EXPENSIVE.
SIR, IT'S FIFTY YEN MORE EXPENSIVE!
HA HA HA HA!
K-GAK
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?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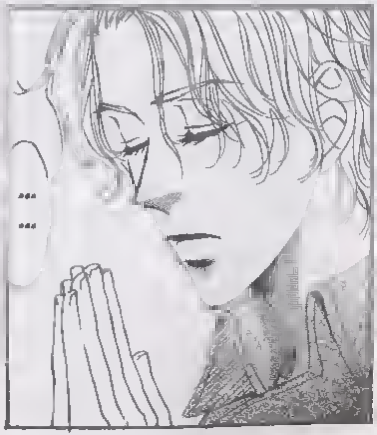
HA
HA
HA
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, SO...
SINCE THE WINTER VACATION STARTED, I COULDN'T SEE HIM EVEN ONCE
?
WHAT?
NO... NOTHING BUT...
I JUST STUDIED EVERYDAY
I KNOW I HAVE TO SINCE THE ENTRANCE EXAMS WILL SOON BE HELD AFTER THE VACATION

peep!

pray!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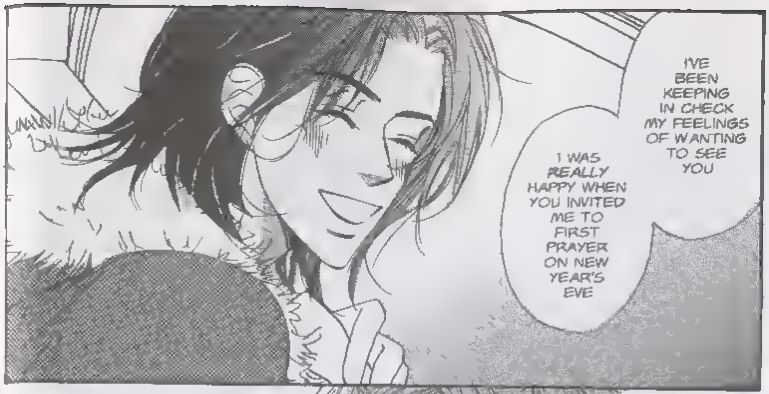
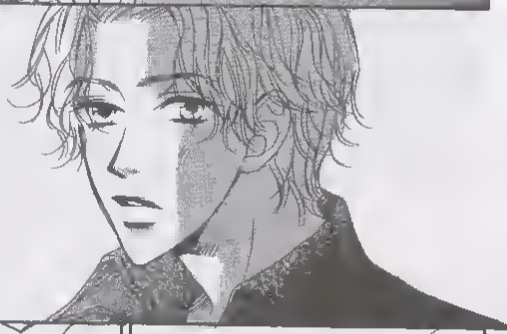
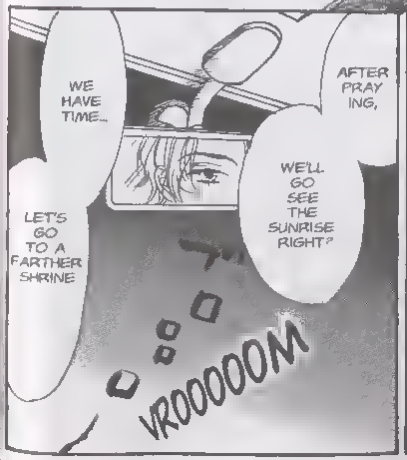
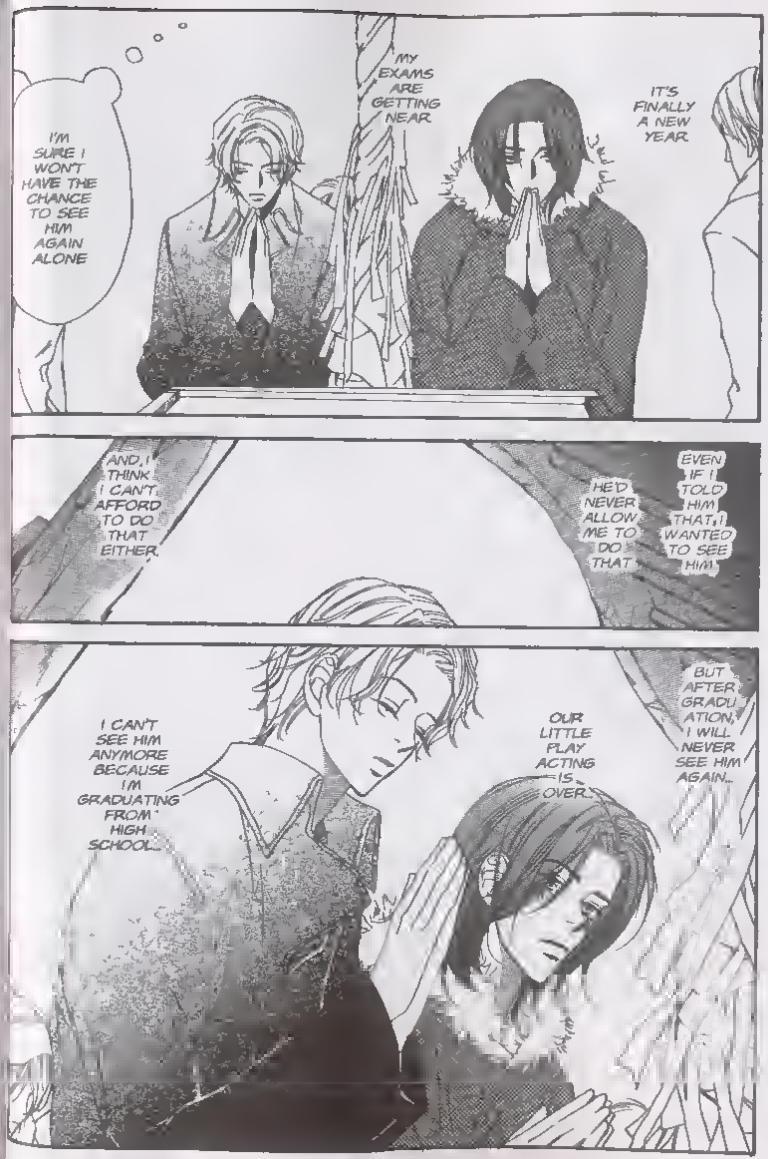
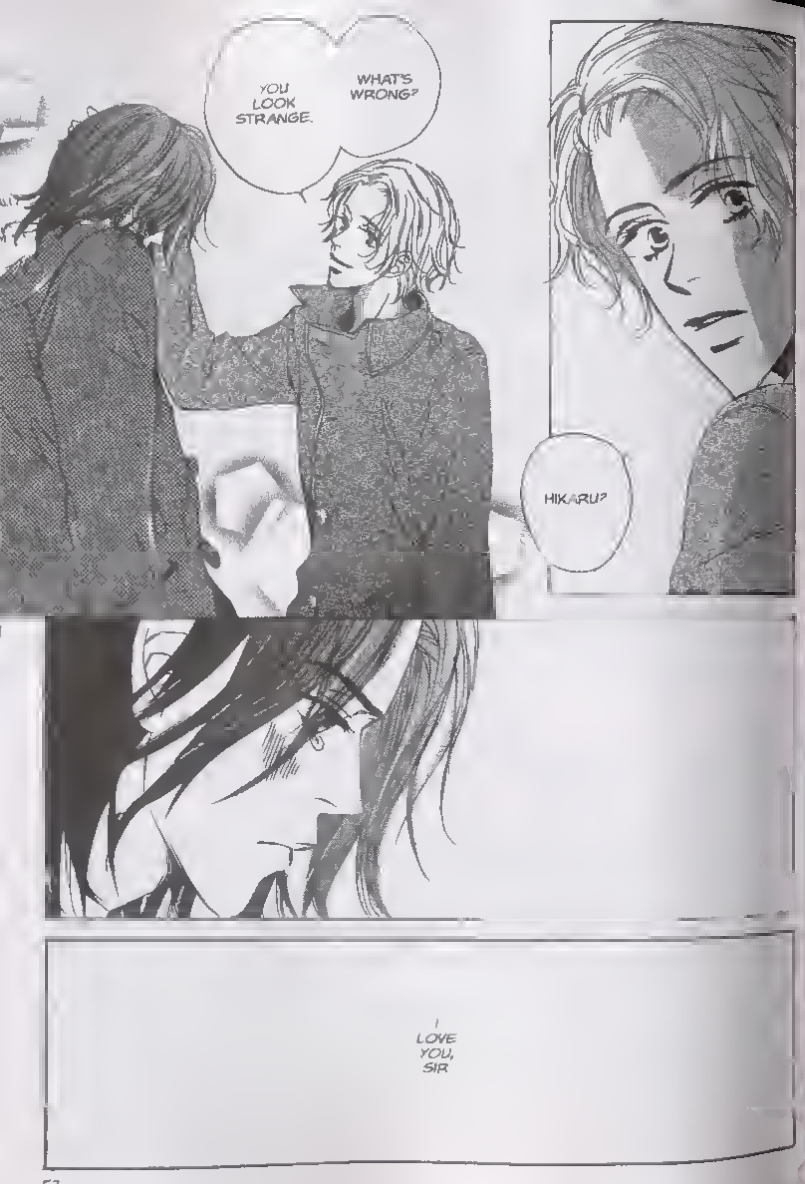

I'VE BEEN KEEPING IN CHECK MY FEELINGS OF WANTING TO SEE YOU
I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN YOU INVITED ME TO FIRST PRAYER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

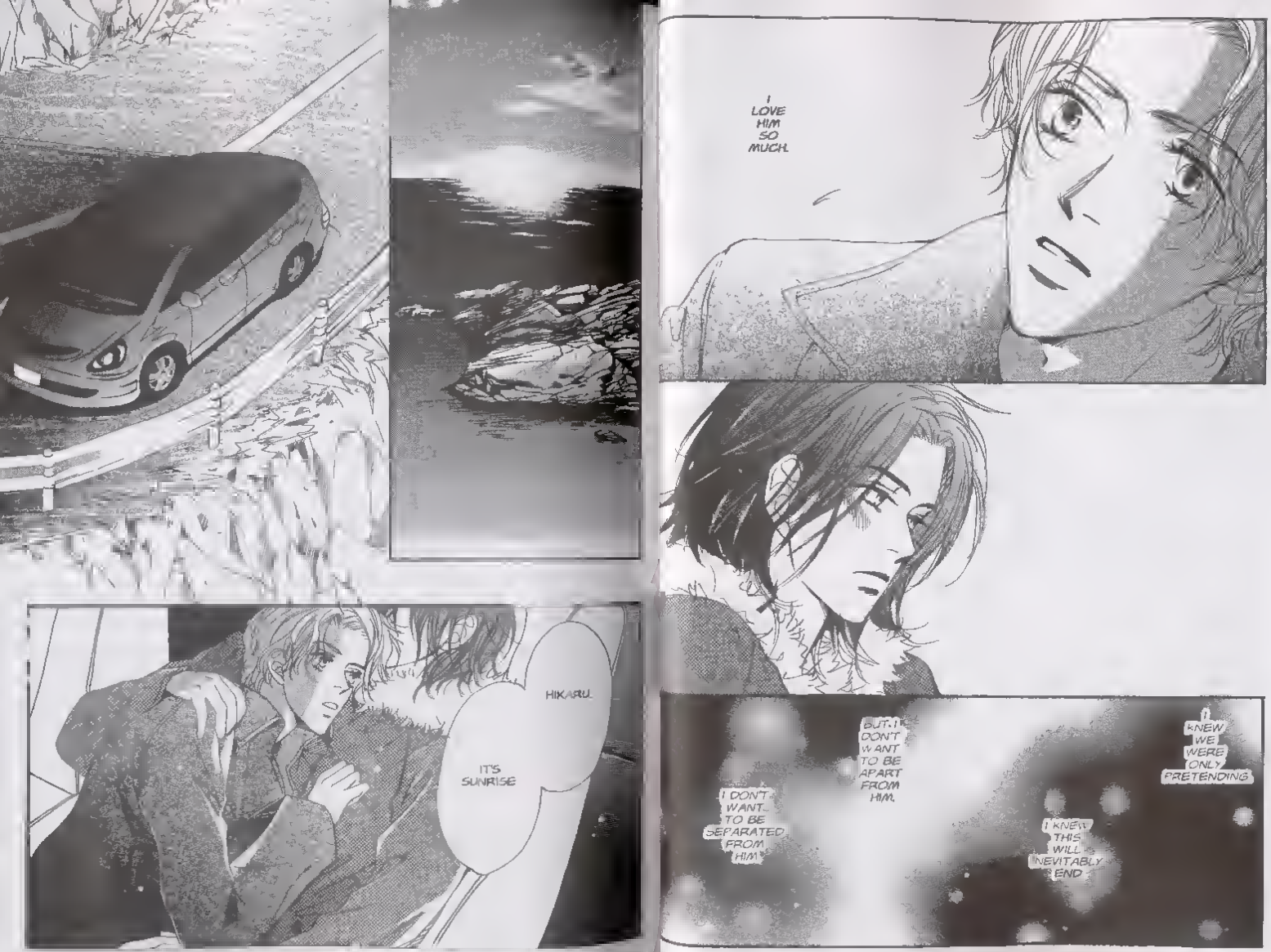



WE HAVE TIME...
LET'S GO TO A FARTHER SHRINE
AFTER PRAY ING,
WE'LL GO SEE THE SUNRISE RIGHT?
VROOOOOM

K-CHK
K-CHK
K-CHK
.....
.....
WELL, LET'S GO PRAY THEN
OK,
THE ROAD'S CLEAR


I'M SURE I WON'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE HIM AGAIN ALONE
MY EXAMS ARE GETTING NEAR.
IT'S FINALLY A NEW YEAR
AND, I THINK I CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT EITHER.
HE'D NEVER ALLOW ME TO DO THAT
EVEN IF I TOLD HIM THAT, I WANTED TO SEE HIM
I CAN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE BECAUSE I'M GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
OUR LITTLE PLAY ACTING IS OVER.
BUT AFTER GRADUATION, I WILL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN...


YOU LOOK STRANGE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
HIKARU?
I LOVE YOU, SIR


I LOVE HIM SO MUCH.
I KNEW WE WERE ONLY PRETENDING.
BUT...I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM HIM.
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM HIM.
I KNEW THIS WILL INEVITABLY END.
HIKARU.
IT'S SUNRISE

HIKARU
IF YOU PASS THE EXAMS, I'LL GIVE YOU A GIFT
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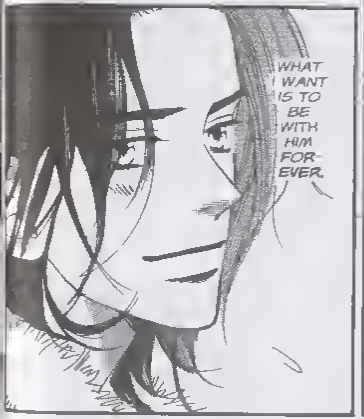
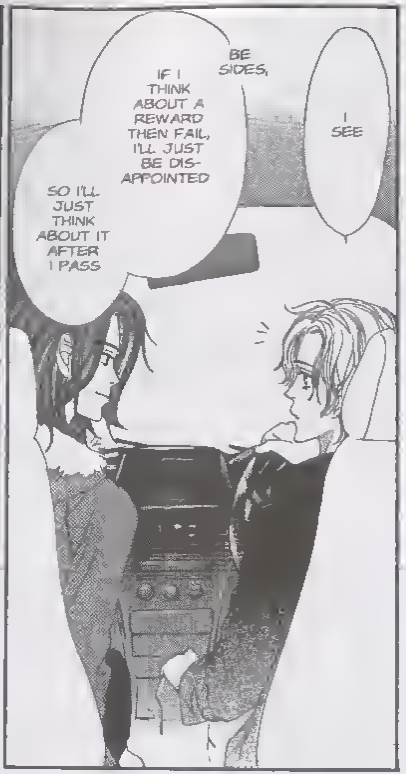
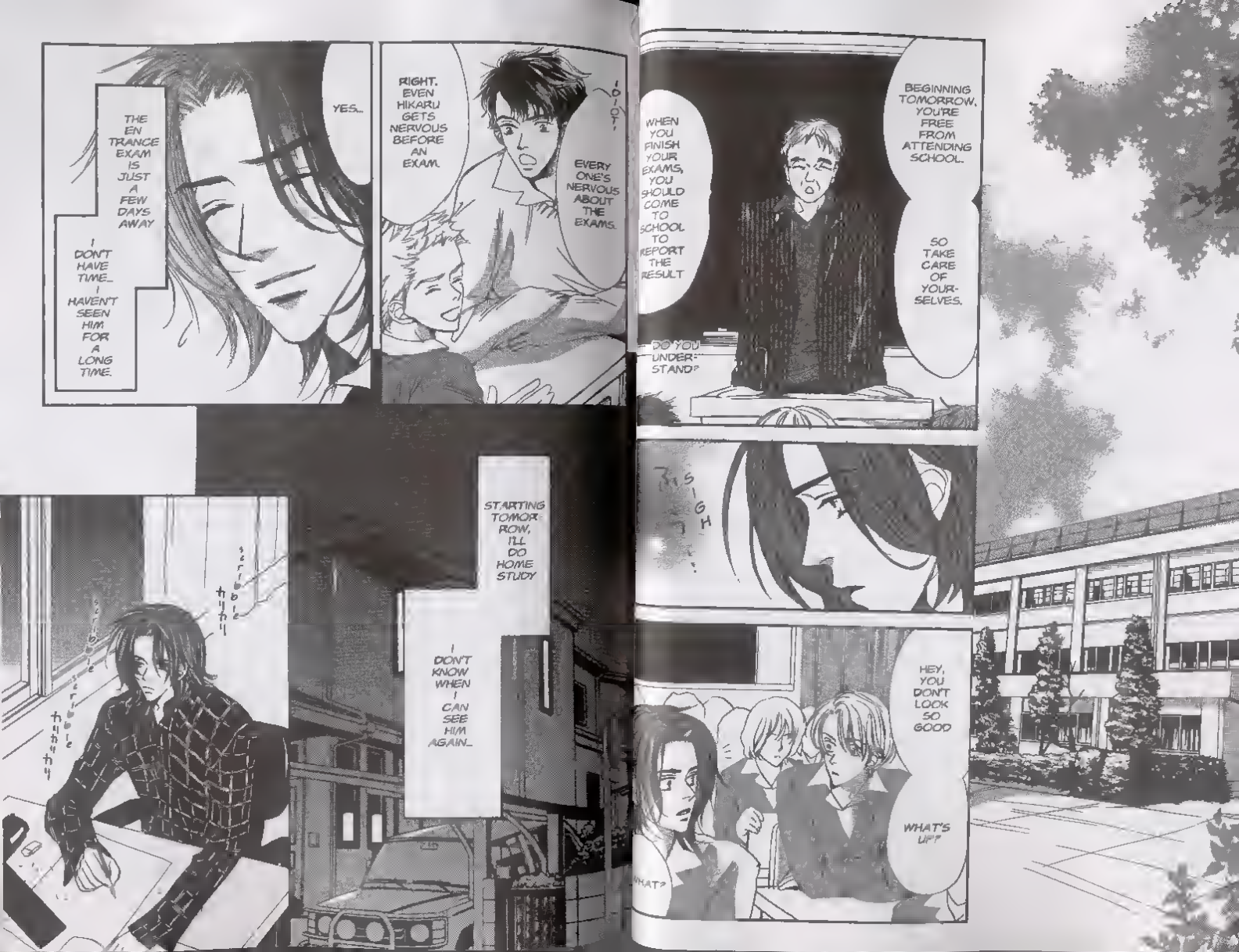


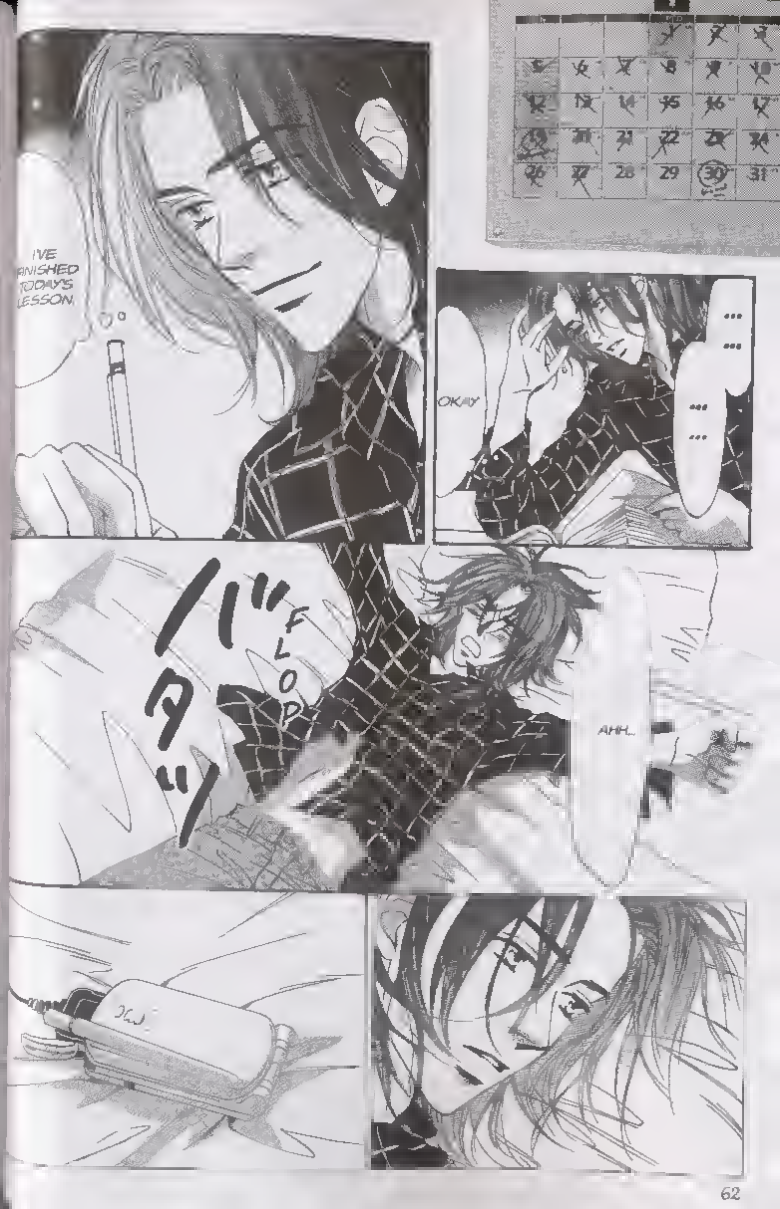


THAT IS MY ONLY WISH.

AND I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT


YES...
THE EN TRANCE EXAM IS JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY
I DON'T HAVE TIME... I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR A LONG TIME.
RIGHT. EVEN HIKARU GETS NERVOUS BEFORE AN EXAM.
'IDIOT'
EVERY ONE'S NERVOUS ABOUT THE EXAMS.
BEGINNING TOMORROW, YOU'RE FREE FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL.
SO TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELVES.
WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR EXAMS, YOU SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL TO REPORT THE RESULT
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
SIGH
HEY, YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT?
STARTING TOMOR-ROW, I'LL DO HOME STUDY
I DON'T KNOW WHEN I CAN SEE HIM AGAIN...
sribble sribble
カカカ

...
I WANT TO HEAR HIS VOICE.
I WANT TO CALL HIM.
I WONDER IF MR SHIMA'S ASLEEP
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE...
SHIMA
EVEN PHONING IS OUT OF THE QUESTION
pip
pip
pip
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO CALL HIM, SO I SENT HIM MAIL
SOMETIMES HE REPLIES, SOMETIMES HE DOESN'T


I'VE FINISHED TODAY'S LESSON.
OKAY
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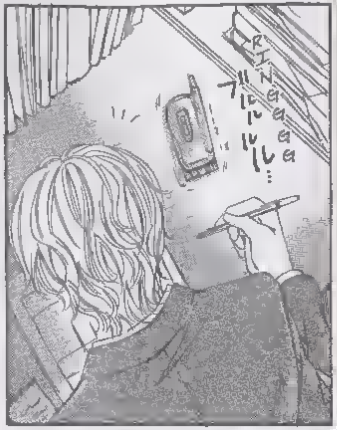
...
...
...
バタッ
FLOP
AHH...

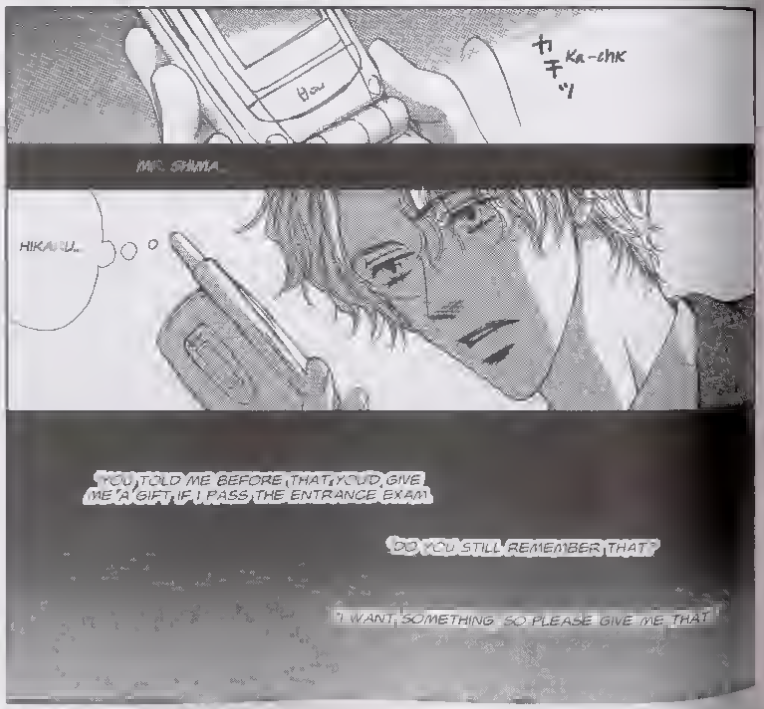
WHOA!
THAT'S GREAT!
University Documents for New Students
WOO-HOO!
I PASSED!
?
BUT YOU DON'T LOOK TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT
THAT'S CAUSE YOU STUDIED REALLY HARD
YOU DID IT! YOU PASSED!
MR. SHIMA DOESN'T SEE ME ANY MORE
....
....
YES.

THE RESULTS ARE IN
LONG TIME, NO SEE
HOW'D YOU DO?
OK!
HIKARU
GARAGARA
HEY



SO THIS IS THE LAST...

MY LAST REQUEST.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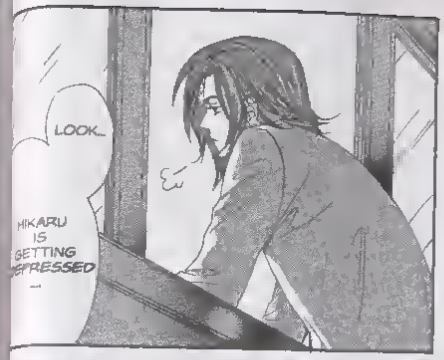
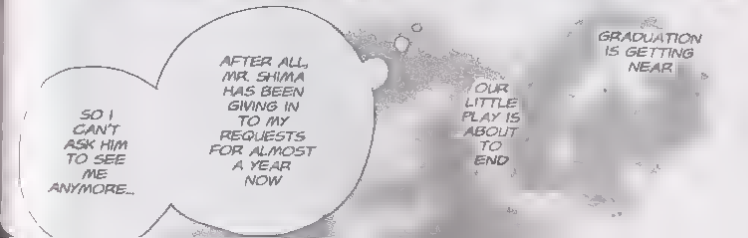
Ka-chk
MR. SHIMA...
HIKARU...
"YOU TOLD ME BEFORE, THAT YOU'D GIVE ME A GIFT IF I PASS THE ENTRANCE EXAM.
"DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT?"
"I WANT SOMETHING SO PLEASE GIVE ME THAT."



I THOUGHT I COULD SEE HIM AFTER THE EXAMS...

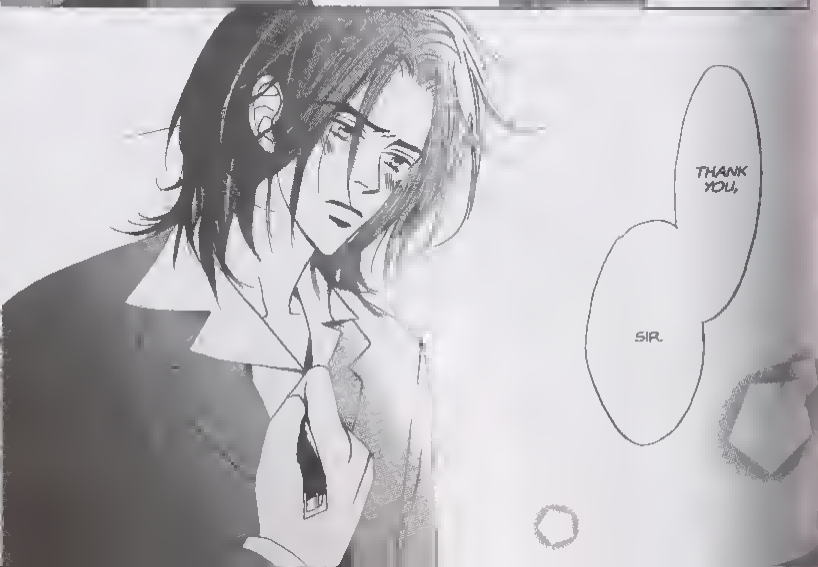
BUT... TALKING ON THE PHONE IS STILL BANNED

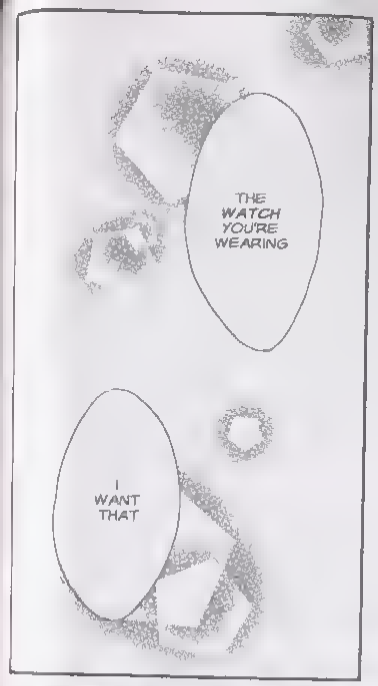
A FEW MONTHS EARLIER, HE HAD BEEN VERY ENERGETIC
BUT SUDDENLY HE CHANGED WHAT HAPPENED?
haa.
IT'S STRANGE
HE PASSED THE EXAMS, HE'S FREE UNTIL GRADUATION

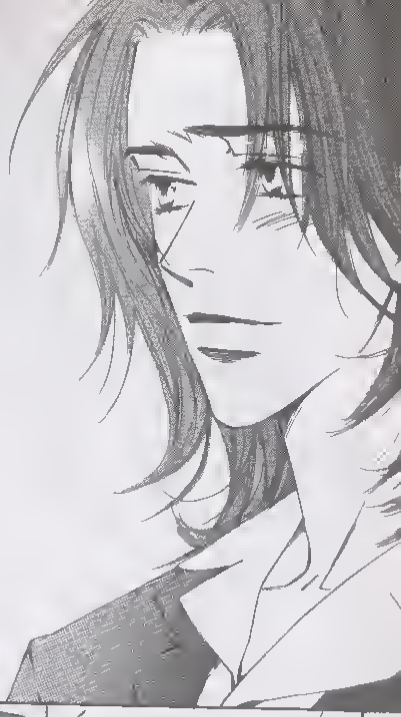

SO I CAN'T ASK HIM TO SEE ME ANYMORE...
AFTER ALL, MR. SHIMA HAS BEEN GIVING IN TO MY REQUESTS FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW
OUR LITTLE PLAY IS ABOUT TO END
GRADUATION IS GETTING NEAR

DON'T WORRY
HA HA
MIND YOU, I DON'T THINK I CAN PRODUCE A GIFT...
...RIGHT HERE AND NOW
?
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
HIKARU?
WHAT I WANT IS...
HIKARU!
SO...
YOU ALREADY HAVE A GIFT IN MIND?
grip
YES.
SORRY...
NO PROB-LEM.
...FOR CALLING YOU OUT IN SUCH WEATHER...

CONGRAT ULATIONS ON PASSING THE EXAM
clench
give

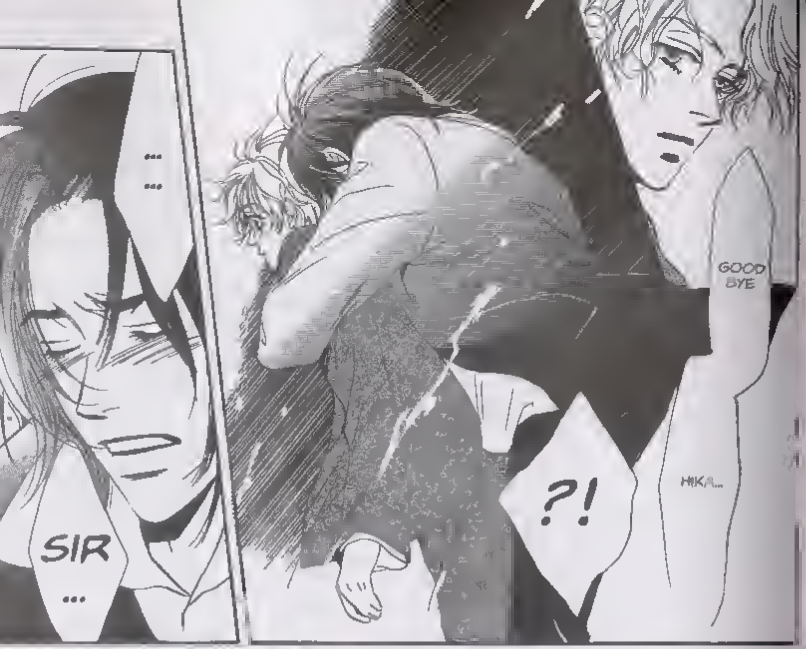

THANK YOU, SIR.


THE WATCH YOU'RE WEARING
I WANT THAT



HA HA
YOU'RE WEIRD
shake

WHAT? THIS?
IT'S WORN OUT
IT MEANS YOU'VE BEEN USING IT A FOR A WHILE, RIGHT?


...
...
SIR
...
GOOD BYE
?!
HIKA...

!
STOP IT!
WE ARE IN SCHOOL
HIKARU!
Push

"THINK ABOUT ATONE MENT!"
YOU TOLD ME BEFORE
"YOU HAVE ONE YEAR UNTIL GRADU-ATION."
YES...
BUT I CAN'T ATONE FOR...
ATONE-MENT?
...WHAT I DID TO YOU ANY MORE.

YES.
WELL, IT'S OKAY
YOU CAN FOR-GET ABOUT IT

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
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卒業式
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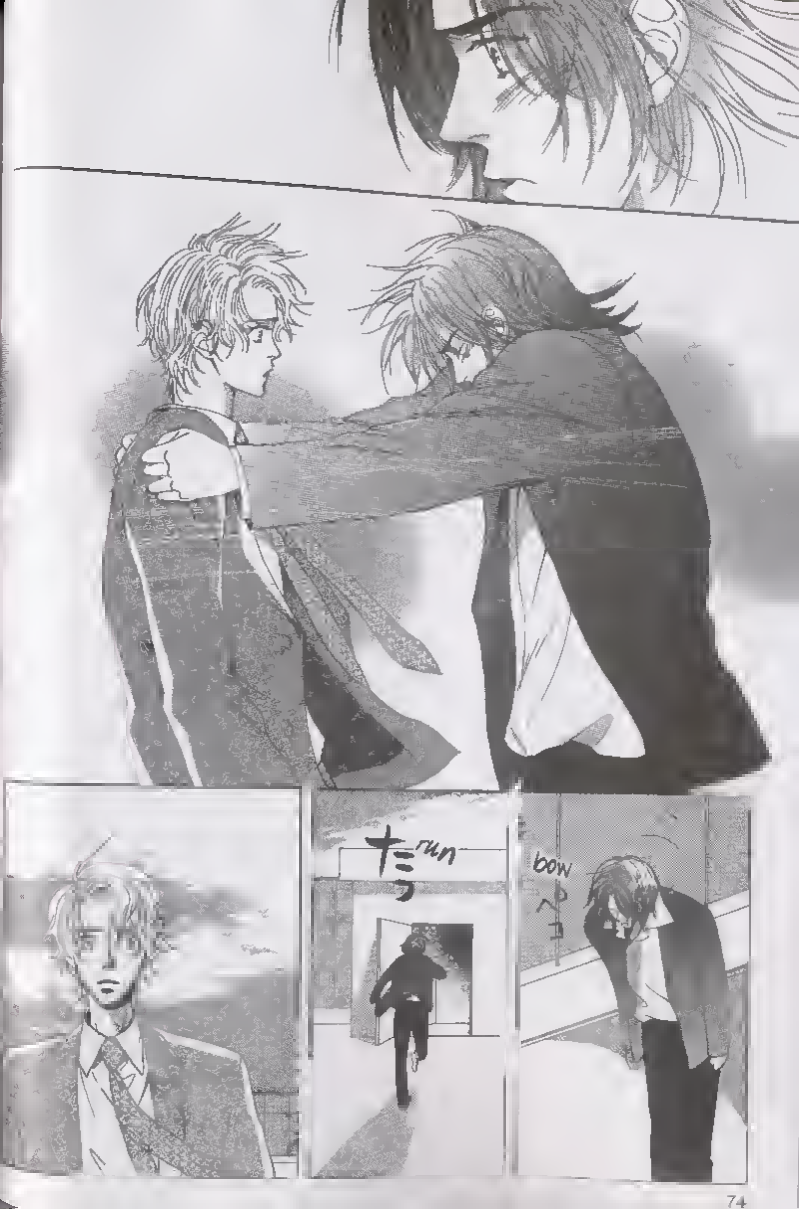
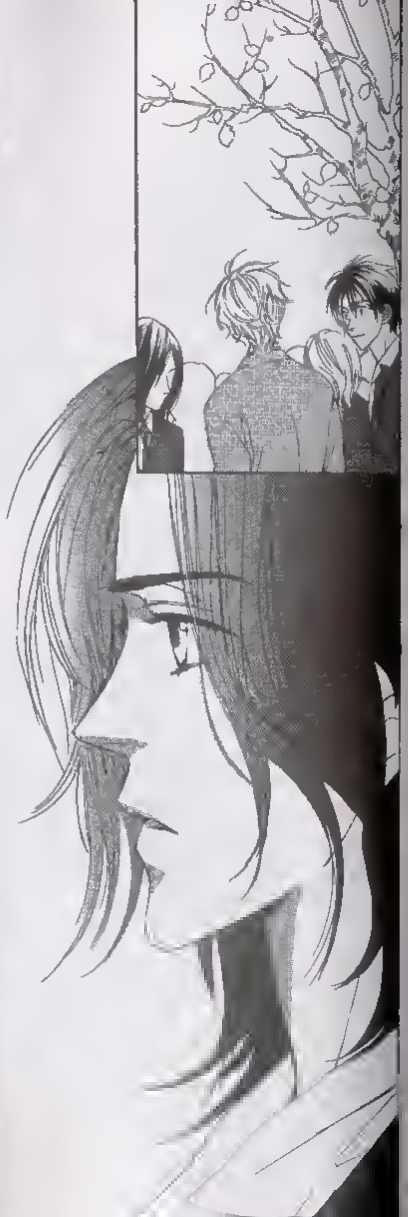
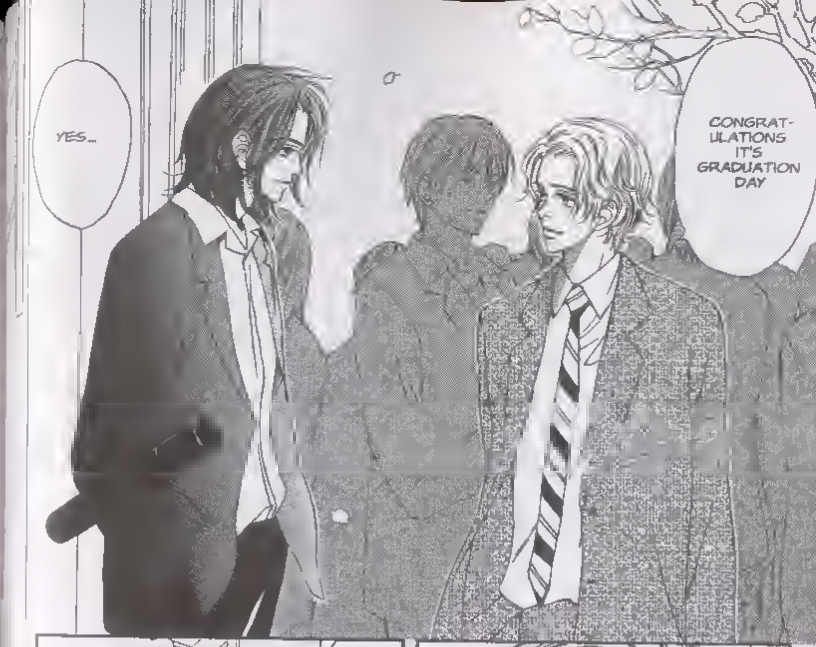
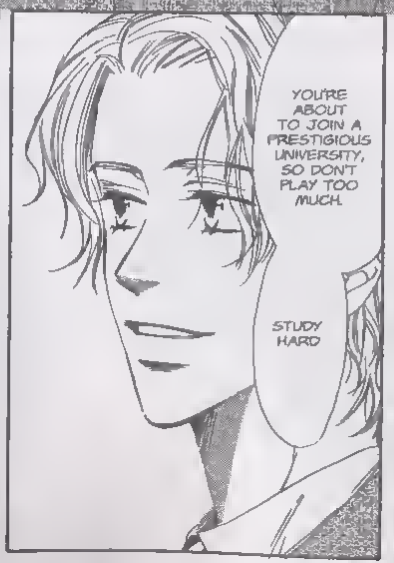

run
bow

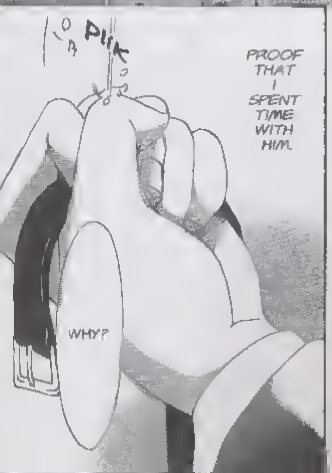



YES...
CONGRAT-ULATIONS IT'S GRADUATION DAY

MR. SHIMA! CAN WE TAKE YOUR PICTURE?
YES..
OKAY...


YOU'RE ABOUT TO JOIN A PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY, SO DON'T PLAY TOO MUCH.
STUDY HARD

SIR ..?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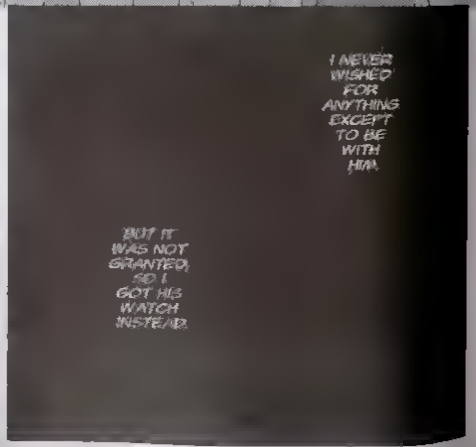
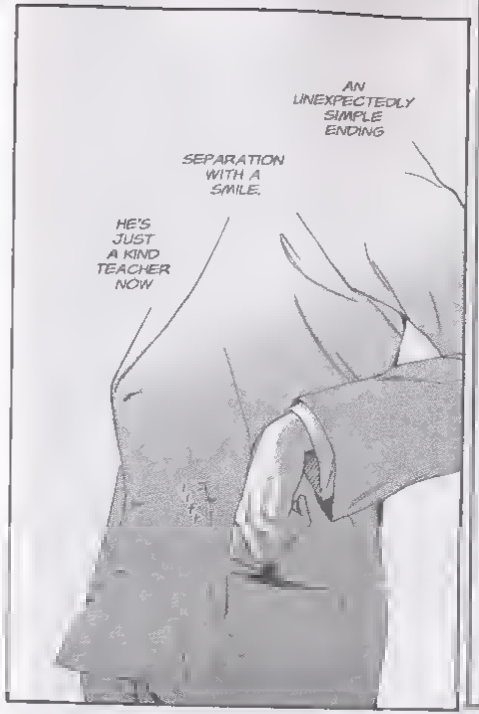
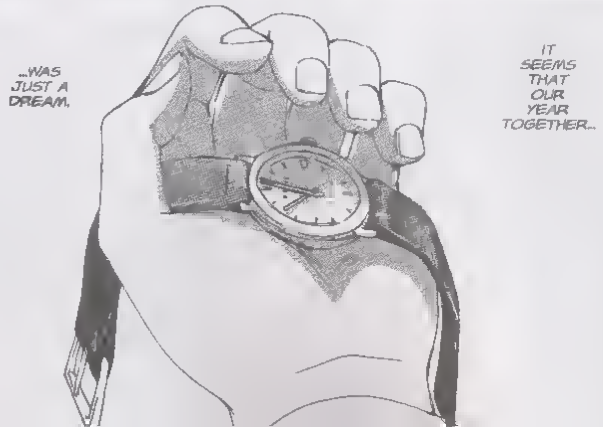
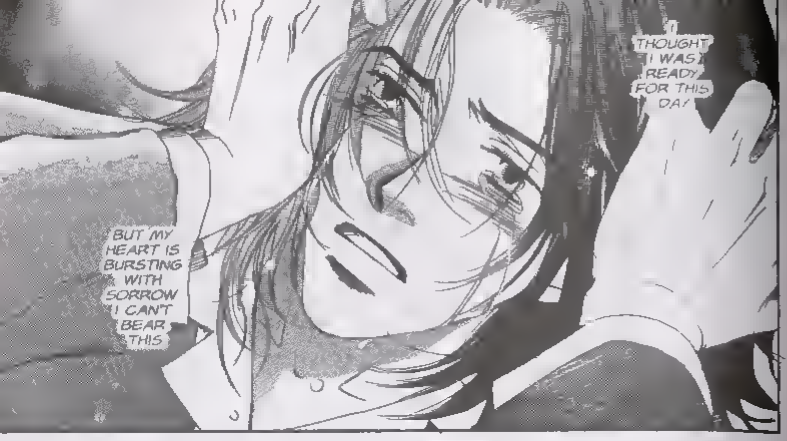
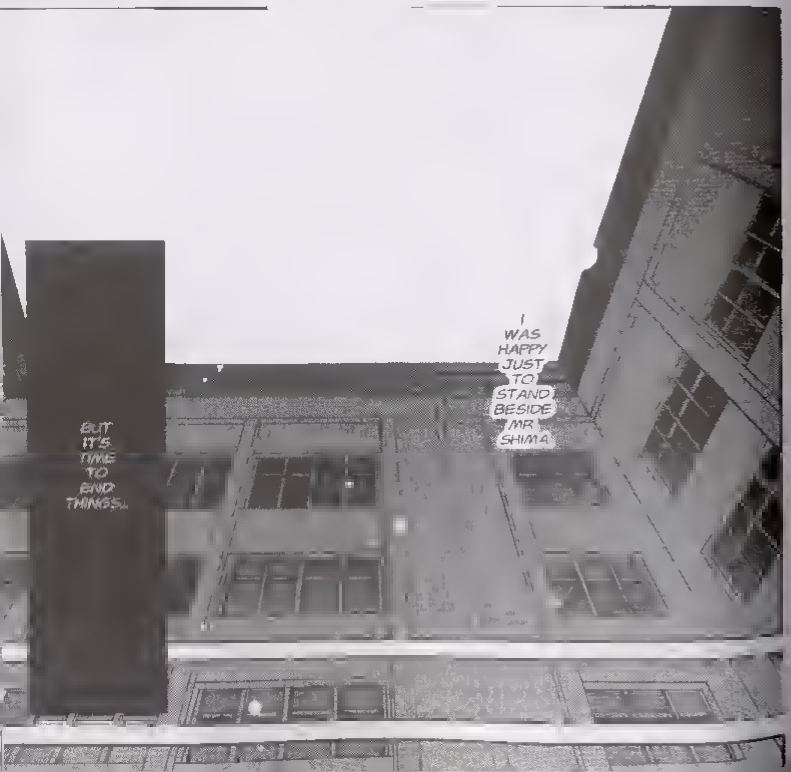
PROOF THAT I SPENT TIME WITH HIM.
WHY?


I NEVER WISHED FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT TO BE WITH HIM.
BUT IT WAS NOT GRANTED, SO I GOT HIS WATCH INSTEAD.

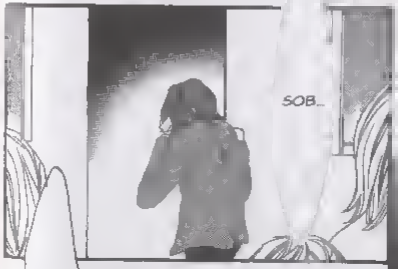

AN UNEXPECTEDLY SIMPLE ENDING
SEPARATION WITH A SMILE.
HE'S JUST A KIND TEACHER NOW


..WAS JUST A DREAM.
IT SEEMS THAT OUR YEAR TOGETHER..


I THOUGHT I WAS READY FOR THIS DAY
BUT MY HEART IS BURSTING WITH SORROW I CAN'T BEAR THIS


I WAS HAPPY JUST TO STAND BESIDE MR SHIMA
BUT IT'S TIME TO END THINGS...

I SHOULD HAVE CRIED IN FRONT OF HIM...
SOB...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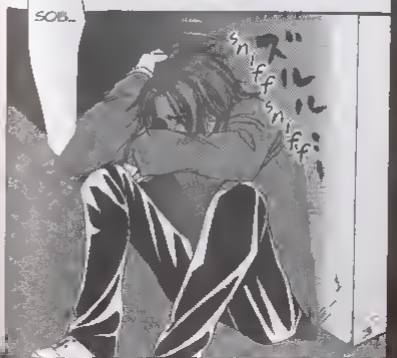
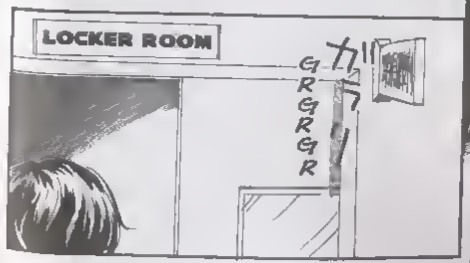

SOB...
sniff sniff
ズルル

WHY AM I CRYING?

AMAMIYA.
!
YOU LIKE JAPANESE FOOD, RIGHT?
I KNOW A GOOD PLACE WHY DON'T WE GO TONIGHT?
HE GOT THIN NER -
SHIMA.
YOU'RE WET
YEAH.
MY CLASS IS IN CHARGE OF CLEANING THE GROUNDS
カラン

EEP!
PLOP
PLOP
ALIGH!
IT'S RAINING!
OH.
PLOP
PLOP

HA HA
DON'T CATCH A COLD
LOOK, MR AMAMIYA.
WHILE I WAS CLEANING THE GROUNDS, I GOT WET
I HATE RAINY SEASON


LOCKER ROOM
GRRGRGR
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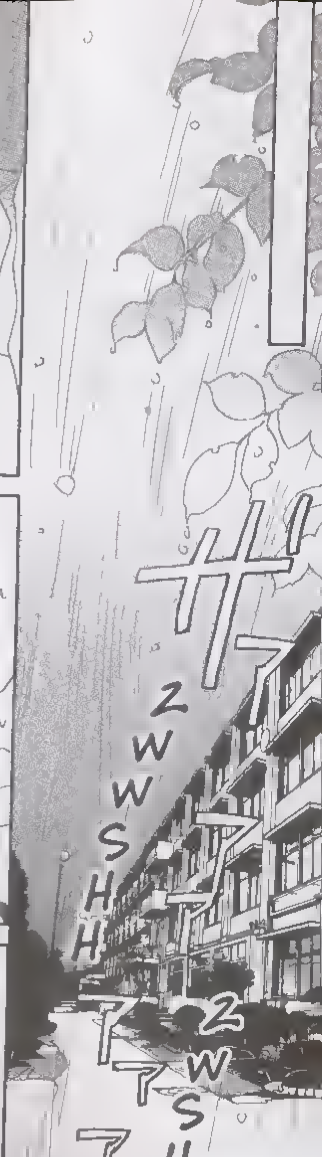
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2WSH

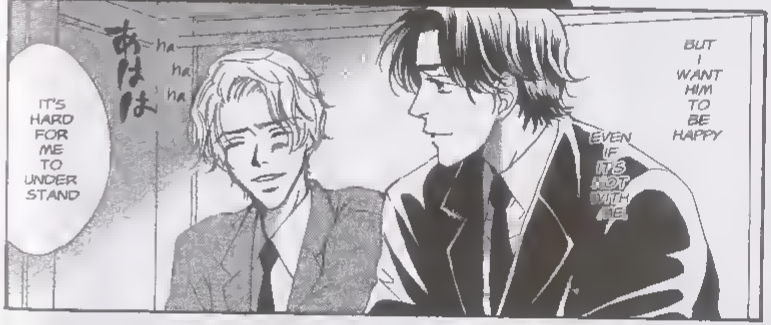
YOU WERE A LITTLE UPSET_ SO MAYBE_
_MAYBE I HAD THE INTENTION OF STEALING YOU FROM HIM.
WHY_?
MAYBE I WANTED TO OBSERVE IT FOR A WHILE
NO, MAYBE_
BUT I WAS AFRAID THAT PEOPLE WOULD FIND OUT
THEN, YOU MIGHT GET FIRED
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
I WANTED TO STOP YOU FROM LOVING SOMEONE ELSE
....
....
HOW STRANGE!
IT'S MY APOLOGY--
FOR LEAVING YOU SO SUDDENLY

YOU NOTICE THINGS, WHICH OTHERS DON'T
NO ONE KNOWS.
I NOTICED IT BECAUSE I AM YOUR EX WHO USED TO DATE YOU
DOES EVERYONE KNOW?
NO
SO YOU KEPT THIS SECRET FROM ME?
ALONG TIME AGO
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU KNOWN?
AH_
YUP
....
I DON'T KNOW
WHY?

WHICH MADE ME WANT HIM ALL THE MORE...
LIKE AFTER MAKING LOVE...
AT... THAT TIME, SHIMA LOOKED EXHAUSTED
SO IF I TRIED TO SLEEP WITH YOU AT THAT TIME,
WOULD YOU HAVE REFUSED?
OH...
I DON'T KNOW...

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.
I SHOULD HAVE FORCED YOU...
OH NO!
IF SO, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN MINE AGAIN
I MIGHT NOT HAVE REFUSED YOU...

HIS NEW LOVE WAS MAKING HIM MORE BEAUTIFUL...
AND I GOT JEALOUS...
...THAT I WISH YOU HAPPINESS
BUT I COULDN'T...
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...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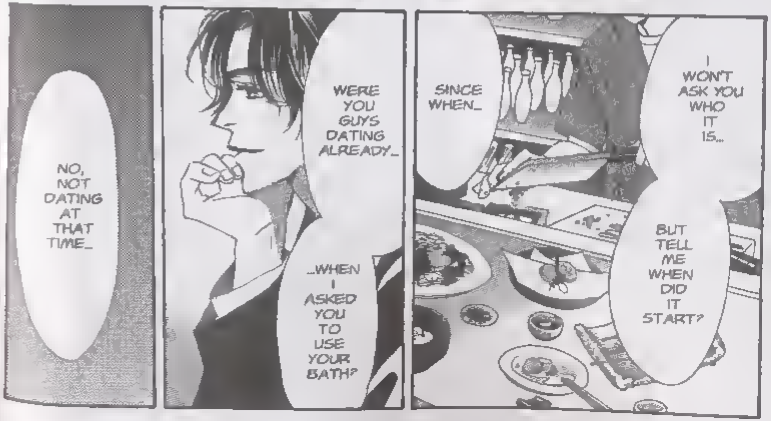
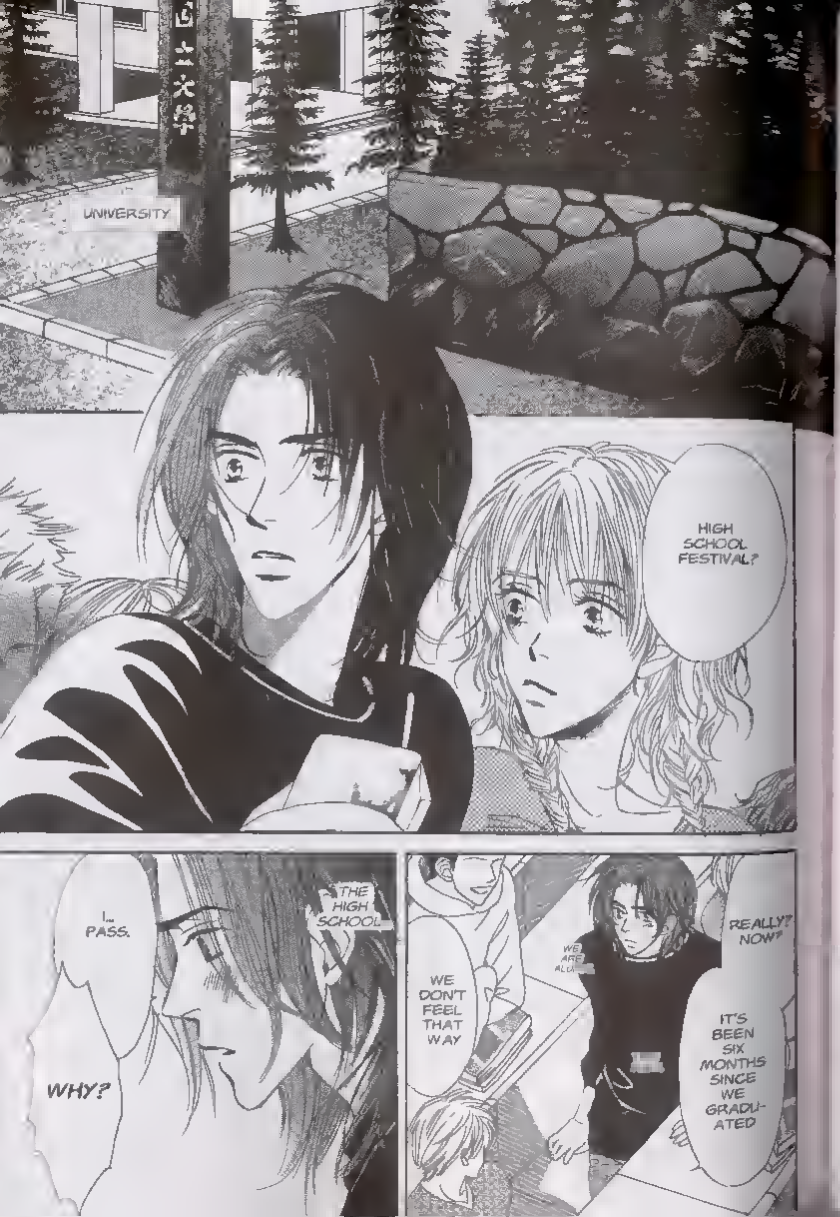
ha ha ha
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDER STAND
BUT I WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY
EVEN IF IT'S NOT WITH ME!


NO, NOT DATING AT THAT TIME...
WERE YOU GUYS DATING ALREADY...
...WHEN I ASKED YOU TO USE YOUR BATH?
SINCE WHEN...
I WON'T ASK YOU WHO IT IS...
BUT TELL ME WHEN DID IT START?

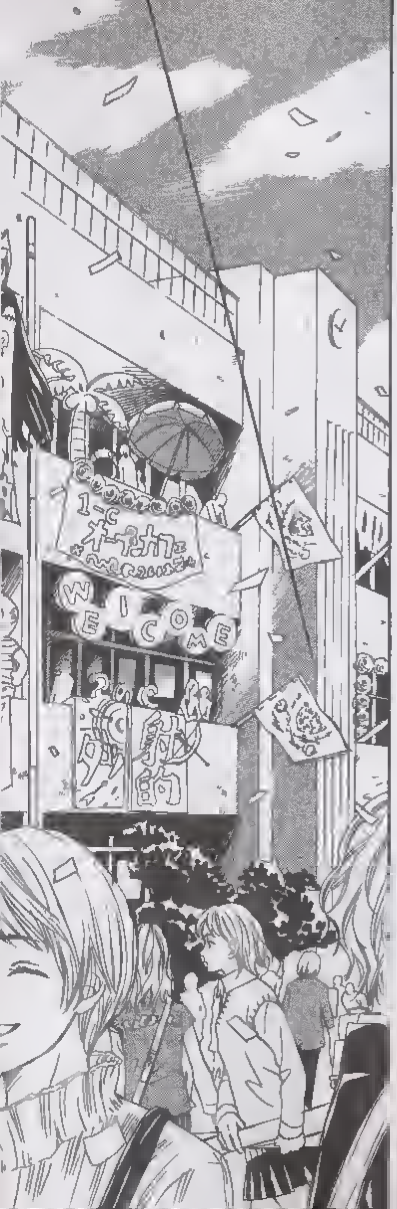

UNIVERSITY
HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL?
I... PASS.
THE HIGH SCHOOL
WHY?
WE DON'T FEEL THAT WAY
WE ARE ALO...
REALLY? NOW?
IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE WE GRADU-ATED

OKAY, AMAMIYA
LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER.

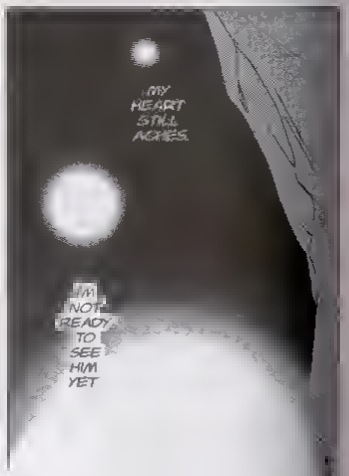
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I'M FREE NOW.
I DON'T CARE
I DON'T HAVE A LINGERING ATTACHMENT LIKE WITH US BEFORE.
IT WAS JUST TEMPORARY

SHIMA...

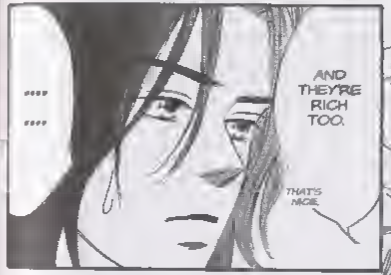

WELCOME

I DON'T CARE ABOUT TSUKASA.
IF I GO BACK, I MIGHT SEE MR SHIMA.


MY HEART STILL ACHES.
I'M NOT READY TO SEE HIM YET

TSUKASA, YOU'RE TOO NEAR.
I WANT TO GO!
PLEASE TAKE ME.
I GOT A GIRLFRIEND, TSUKASA | KATAYAMA, WHEN I ENTERED UNIVERSITY

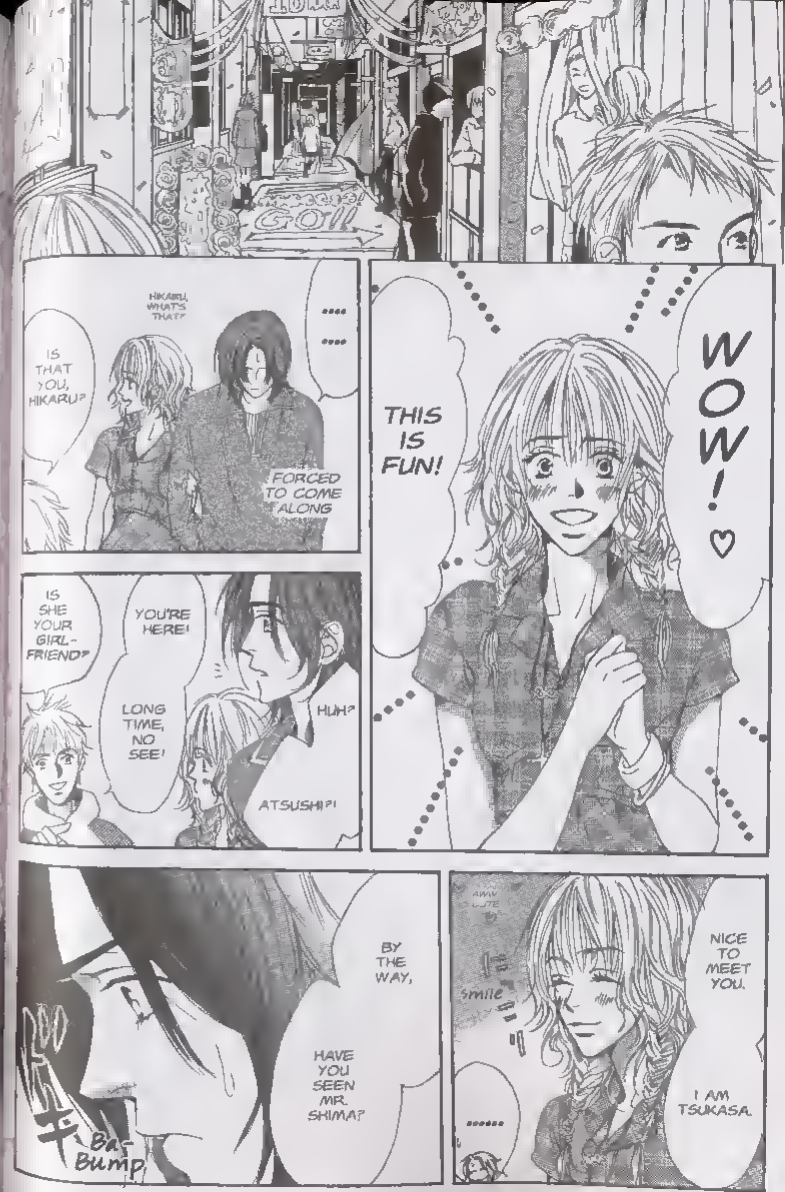
WHY AREN'T YOU GOING?
WHAT A WASTE!

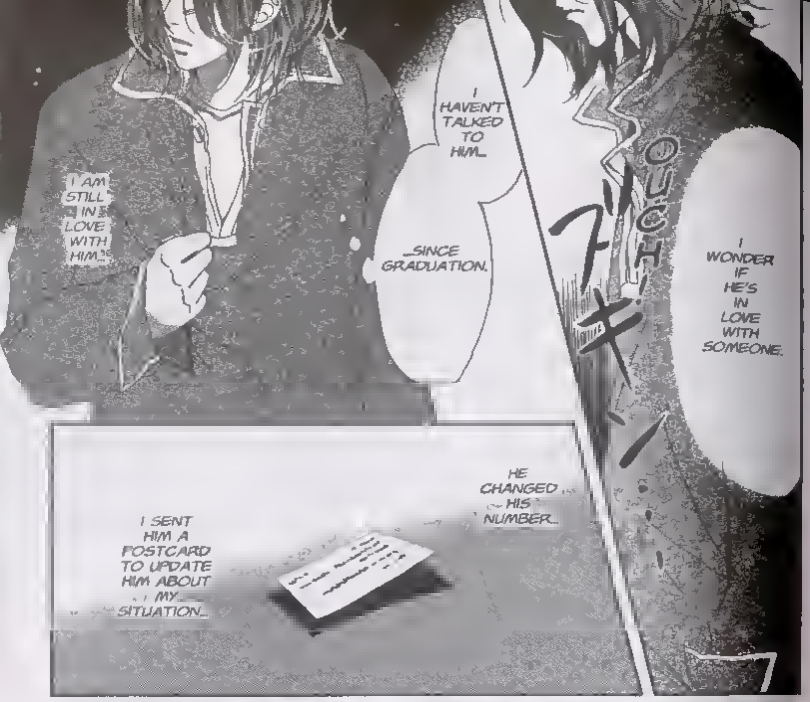

.....
.....
AND THEY'RE RICH TOO.
THAT'S NICE.

I KNOW SHE WANTS A YOUNGER, NICER BOY THAN ME

WHEN WE SEE EACH OTHER
WE HAVE SEX.
I DON'T FEEL THAT WE ARE DATING.
HIKARU, YOU'RE FROM THAT SCHOOL, RIGHT?
THERE ARE ALOT OF CUTE GUYS THERE

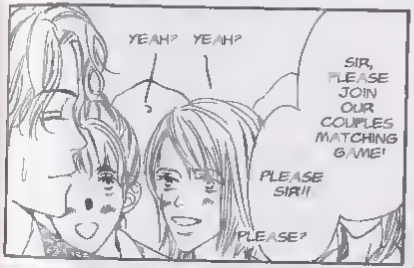
SPEAKING OF THE DEVIL...
HE BE CAME THIN?
YUP
LOOK!
YOU KNOW, HE GOT THINNER.
NOT YET
WHY?
HE LOOKS MYSTERIOUS NOW


Grill
HIKARU, WHAT'S THAT?
IS THAT YOU, HIKARU?
....
....
FORCED TO COME ALONG
WOW! ♡
THIS IS FUN!
IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
YOU'RE HERE!
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
HUH?
ATSUSHI?!
BY THE WAY,
HAVE YOU SEEN MR. SHIMA?
Bad Bump
AWW CUTE
smile
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I AM TSUKASA.
.....


I AM STILL IN LOVE WITH HIM...
I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HIM...
...SINCE GRADUATION.
OUCH!
I WONDER IF HE'S IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE.
I SENT HIM A POSTCARD TO UPDATE HIM ABOUT MY SITUATION...
HE CHANGED HIS NUMBER...

I REALIZED...
DO YOUR BEST.
SHIMA
I AM ONE OF THEM.
AS IF TELLING ME...
...TO MOVE ON WITH MY LIFE.
...HE REPLIED IN A VERY FORMAL WAY

HE--
HE IS THINNER...


YEAH? YEAH?
SIR, PLEASE JOIN OUR COUPLES MATCHING GAME!
PLEASE SIR!!
PLEASE?

MR. SHIMA...

THAT USED TO BE ME
I WONDER IF THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE SERIOUSLY IN LOVE WITH HIM.

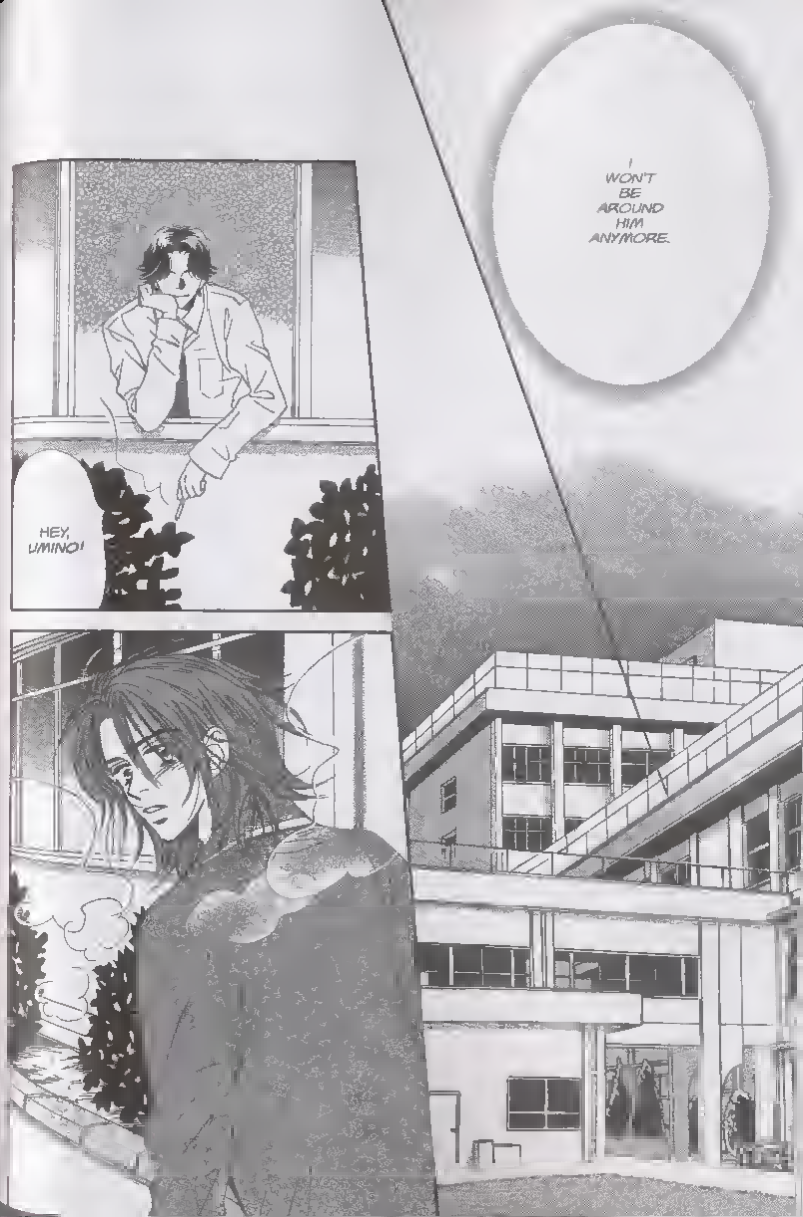
HE IS SURROUNDED BY GIRLS, AS USUAL.

MR. SHIMA !!!
SO I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SUPPRESS MY FEELINGS FOR SIX MONTHS NOW.
!
HOW HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN?
SIR...
WE'RE HERE!
LONG TIME NO SEE, SIR!
GREAT I'M GLAD YOU GUYS CAME!
NOW I KNOW HIS TRUE FEELINGS.
HUH?
HIKARU?!

Passion.6
熱情

WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY WE WERE
I DON'T MEAN TO RUN AWAY
I AM A BIT MORE MATURE, SO...
I WON'T BE AROUND HIM ANYMORE
Passion.5 END

YOU'VE MATURED A BIT
NO CHANGE
YUP SAME-OLD, SAME OLD
YOU LOOK THE SAME
YOU SEEN SHIMA?
CRUNCH
I JUST WAVED AT HIM FROM AFAR.
HUMMM...
MAYBE HE KNOWS...
WHY IS HE SUDDENLY ASKING ABOUT MR SHIMA?
NO!
I DIDN'T...
ANY-WAY...
FROM AFAR?
BUT YOU CAME BACK TO SEE HIM, RIGHT?


I WON'T BE AROUND HIM ANYMORE.
HEY, UMINO!

WE WEREN'T DATING
I WAS JUST FOLLOWING HIM AROUND
IT DOESN'T COUNT AS DATING.
I DON'T THINK SO.
HE IS IN LOVE WITH YOU, TOO
ARE YOU TEASING ME?
I AM NOT.
FINALLY SURPRISED YOU.

YES. HE IS MY EX.
IS THAT SO?
YOU GUYS WERE VERY CLOSE, RIGHT?
HE GOT THIN
I NOTICED
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH.
AS AN EX, MR. SHIMA DATED HIM SERIOUSLY.
WHAT A CALM REACTION.
AREN'T YOU SURPRISED?
DON'T PLAY DUMB.
AREN'T YOU THE STUDENT WHO'S DATING HIM?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ARE YOU GUYS OVER?
HEY, THAT WAS A SURPRISE CONFESSION!
DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT SHIMA?
NOT FORCING HIM LIKE ME.

AFTER GRADUATION, HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE DEEP IN THOUGHT
HE CAN'T EVEN EAT
....
....
IT'S TOO PAINFUL TO SEE HIM
....
....
SO AM I.
OKAY LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER
I'M CONFUSED
WHAT ?!
HE SOLD HIS CAR?
HE SAID IT COST A LOT TO MAINTAIN
IT SEEMS HE SELDOM RODE IT...
TWO OR THREE MONTHS AFTER YOUR GRADUATION.
HE PARTED WITH HIS CAR.
IT ISN'T EVEN A YEAR OLD
IT'S VERY OBVIOUS.
Y—
YOU ARE PRETENDING...
HE SHOULD HAVE USED IT FOR DATES...
....
I AM NOT!
I KNOW.
HE IS THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PRETENDING FOR A LONG TIME NOW

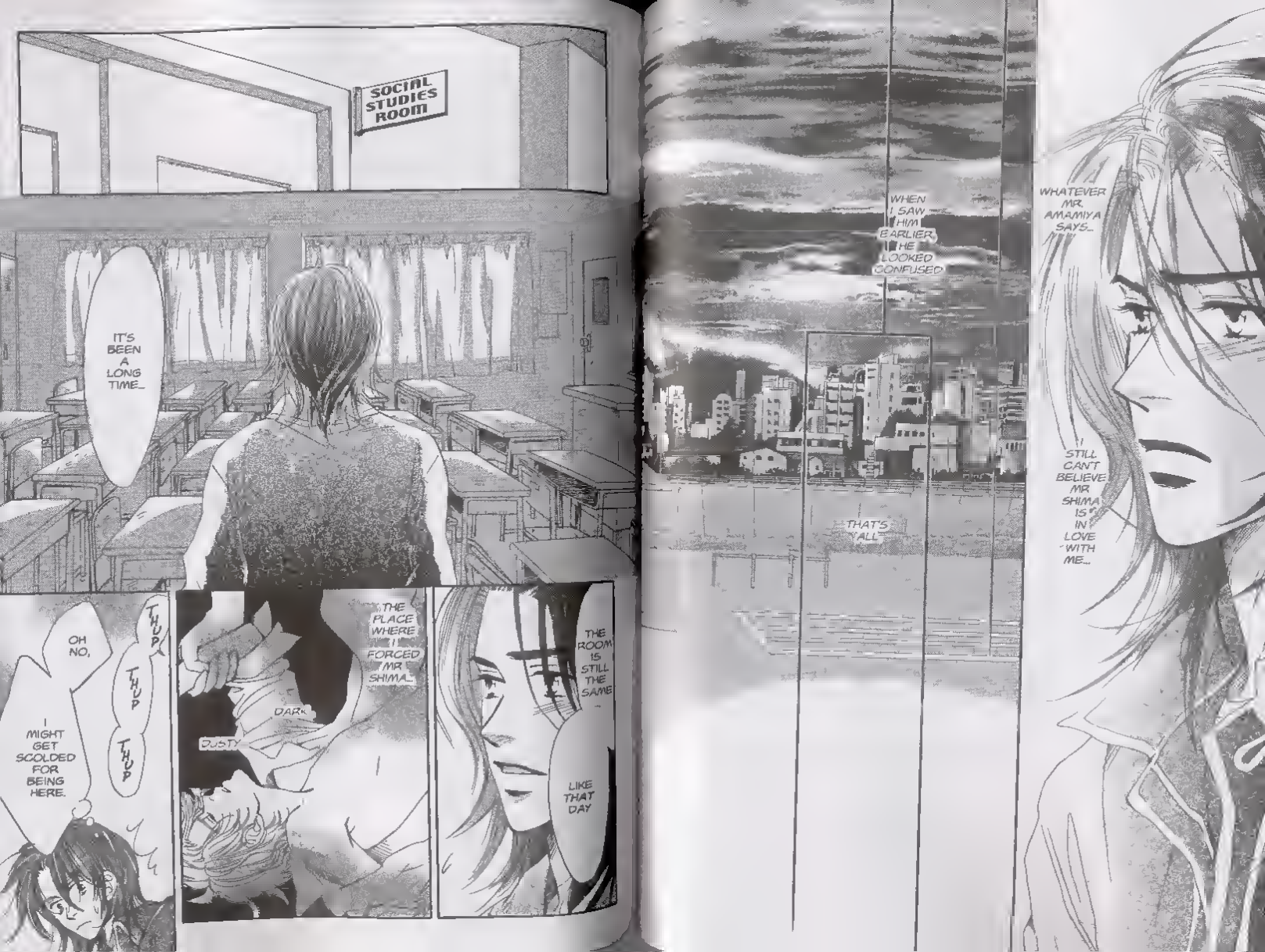
DON'T BE SO SURPRISED!
I'M JUST BEING MEAN TO YOU.
?!
BUT... MY LOVE WILL MAKE YOU FORGET ANY ATTACHMENTS YOU STILL HAVE
YOU ARE CLOSING YOUR EYES TO THINGS
SHIMA_
ゴクッ
I STILL LOVE HIM...
JUST KIDDING!
I_
WHAT?

I COULD SEE THAT HE WAS IN DENIAL
IT WAS REALLY HARD FOR ME TO SEE THAT.
SHIMA?
THAT DAY...
HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY LINGERING ATTACHMENT
....
....
YES
ARE YOU SURE?
HOW COULD HE BE LIKE THAT... WITHOUT ANY LINGERING ATTACHMENT?
....
....
I'LL ACCEPT ANYTHING YOU OFFER ME.

BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO SETTLE DOWN
ALTHOUGH TO MARRY SUCH A SHARP WOMAN, YOU CAN'T PLAY AROUND ANYMORE.
OH NO!
"A PITY THAT IT'S NOT AN ENGAGEMENT RING."
WHAT?
MS. MORIKAWA IS SHOWING OFF THE RING...
...YOU GAVE HER ON HER BIRTHDAY
HA HA
THIS IS REVENGE
SHIMA...
YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME
WELL, SHE DIDN'T TELL ANYBODY EXCEPT ME.
I TOLD HER IT WAS JUST BETWEEN US.
IT'S TIME...
FOR US TO FORGET ABOUT THAT EACH OTHER.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE DISCUSS OUR RELATIONSHIP
HOW SHE FIGURED OUT THAT I AM YOUR EX...
SHE NOTICED
I WONDER...
WHAT?

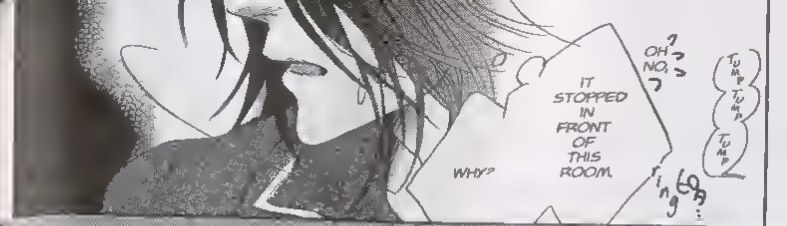
STEP
I'M A GUY WHO'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A NEW LOVE
I DON'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM ANYMORE
SO LISTEN WELL
I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU
Y' KNOW,
A LOT OF PEOPLE MIS UNDERSTAND.
AND...
I CAN'T CONTROL HOW HE FEELS.

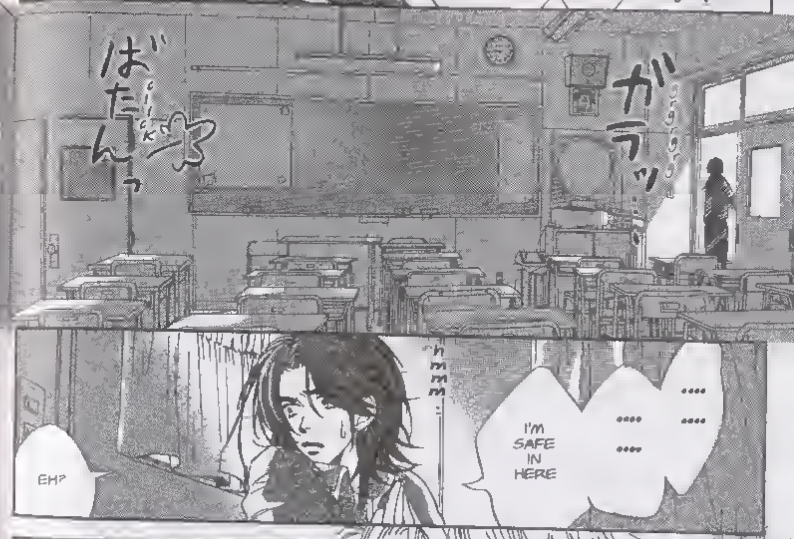
IF I ASK HIM ABOUT HIS FEELINGS, HE'LL NEVER ADMIT IT
HE IS STUBBORN THAT WAY.
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, IT'S OKAY
.....
.....
BACK TO BASICS.
HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME
YOU GUYS LOVE EACH OTHER, BUT YOU ARE APART.
.....
.....
HOW ABOUT YOU? I THOUGHT YOU LOVE HIM, TOO.
WHY DON'T YOU CONFRONT HIM ABOUT IT?


SOCIAL STUDIES ROOM
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
OH NO,
I MIGHT GET SCOLDED FOR BEING HERE.
THUP
THUP
THUP
DUSTY
DARK
THE PLACE WHERE I FORCED MR SHIMA...
THE ROOM IS STILL THE SAME
LIKE THAT DAY
WHEN I SAW HIM EARLIER HE LOOKED CONFUSED
THAT'S ALL
WHATEVER MR. AMAMIYA SAYS...
STILL CAN'T BELIEVE MR SHIMA IS IN LOVE WITH ME...

RING...G
?
IS ANYONE HERE?
hush
RING
RING
RING
?
OH GREAT! IT'S TSUKASA.
WHAT BAD TIMING.
RING
RING
RING
WHAT THE...?!

KCHAK
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
PHONES AREN'T ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.
....
....
EH?
COME ON OUT.
I CAN HEAR YOU.

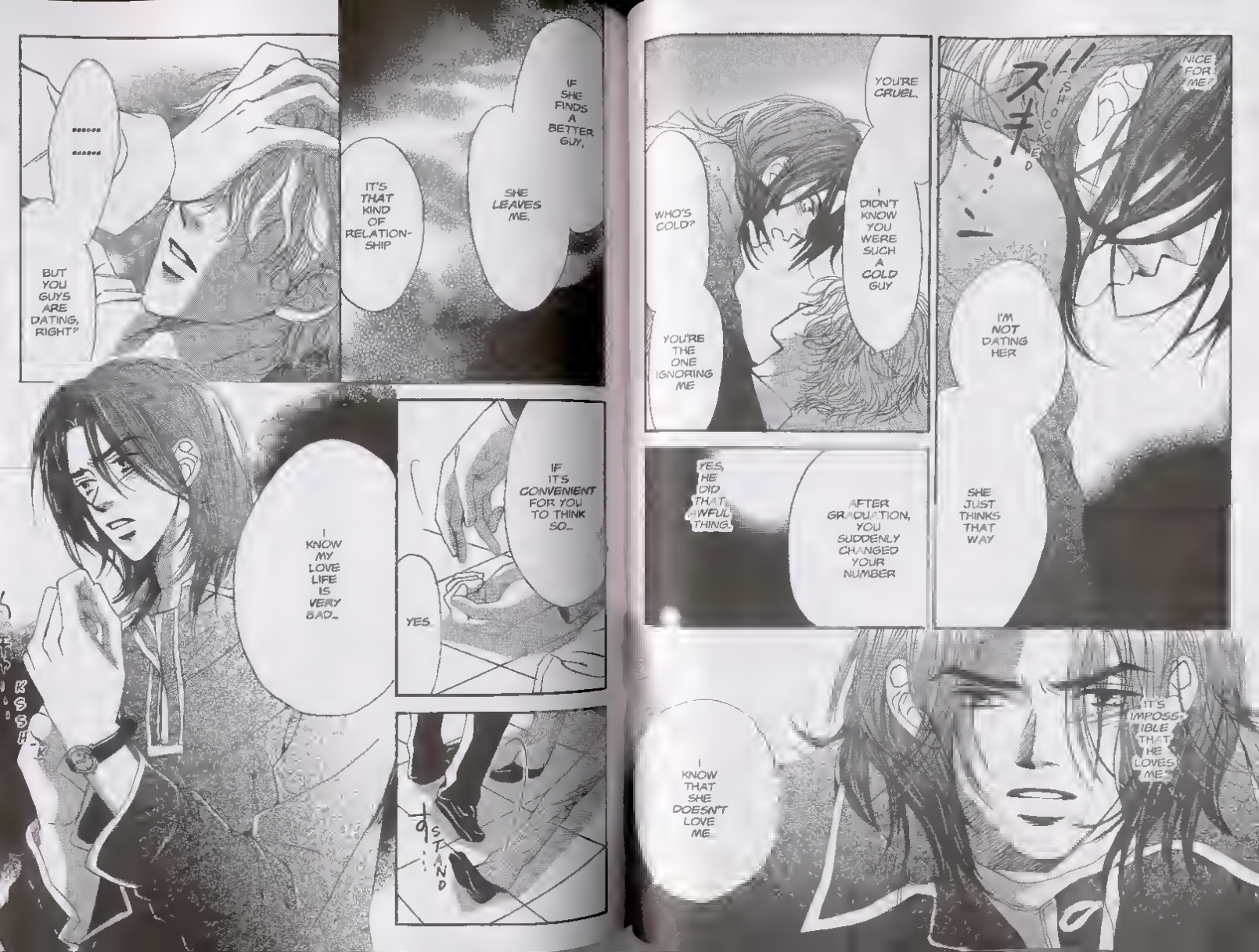

OH NO,
TUMP TUMP TUMP
ring
IT STOPPED IN FRONT OF THIS ROOM.
WHY?


GLICK
ガラッ
hmm...
EH?
I'M SAFE IN HERE
....
....
....

WHY?
WHY DID HE COME HERE?
RINGGGGG
?!
MR. SHIMA.

SHOCKED
SIR.
FWIP
SIR!
THUMP

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY GIRL-FRIEND?
DON'T LIE TO ME
I'M SERIOUS.
I DON'T USE IT ANY MORE.
THAT MEANS...
YOU ONLY BOUGHT IT FOR OUR DATES RIGHT?
WHAT FOR?
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...
...IS WAITING AT THE CAFETERIA.
SHE'S NICE FOR YOU
I MET HER
YOU GUYS ARE IN THE SAME UNIVER-SITY
...IS IN MY ARMS AGAIN
THE ONE I MADE LOVE TO.
THE LIPS I HAD KISSED MANY TIMES...
...ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME
SIR...
I HEARD YOU SOLD YOUR CAR
LET ME GO, HIKARU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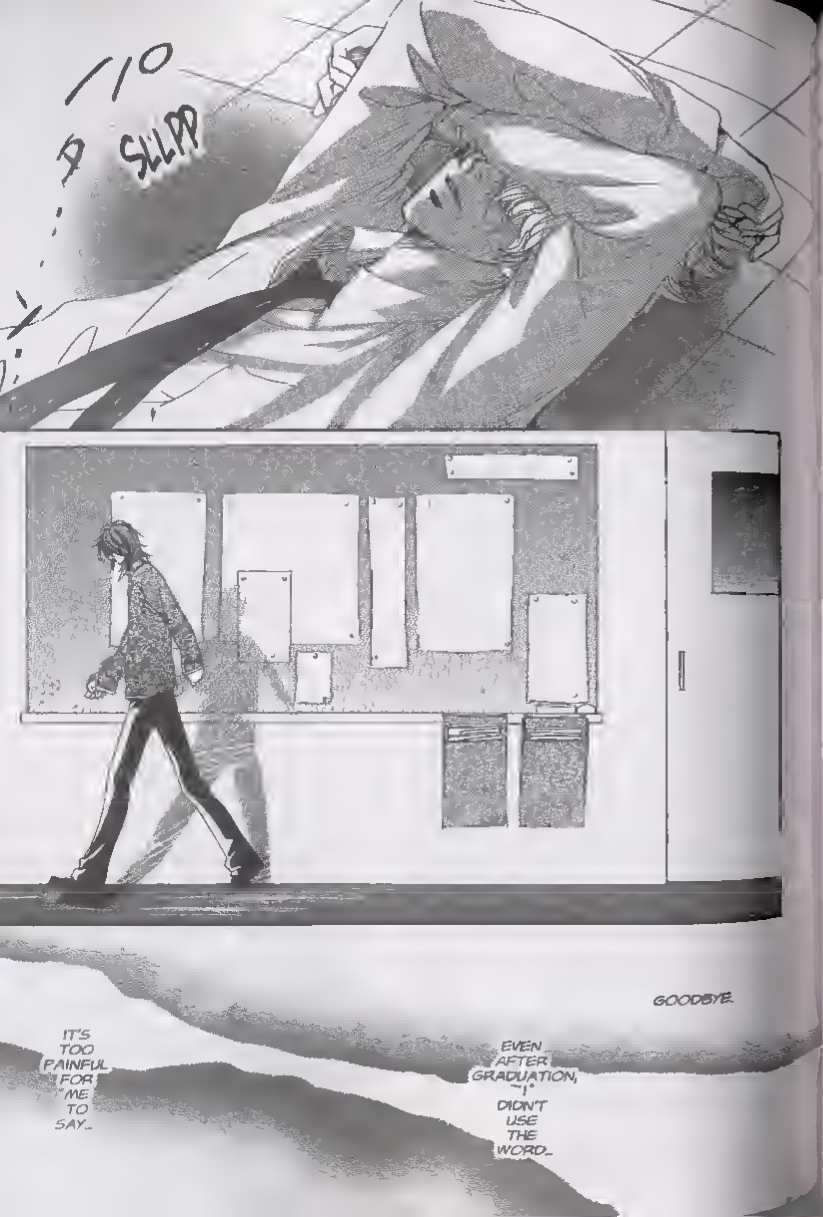
BUT YOU GUYS ARE DATING, RIGHT?
IT'S THAT KIND OF RELATION-SHIP
IF SHE FINDS A BETTER GUY,
SHE LEAVES ME.
I KNOW MY LOVE LIFE IS VERY BAD...
KSHK
YES.
IF IT'S CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO THINK SO...
STAND
YOU'RE CRUEL.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SUCH A COLD GUY
WHO'S COLD?
YOU'RE THE ONE IGNORING ME
SHOCKED
NICE FOR ME?
I'M NOT DATING HER
SHE JUST THINKS THAT WAY
YES, HE DID THAT AWFUL THING.
AFTER GRADUATION, YOU SUDDENLY CHANGED YOUR NUMBER
I KNOW THAT SHE DOESN'T LOVE ME.
IT'S IMPOSS-IBLE THAT HE LOVES ME."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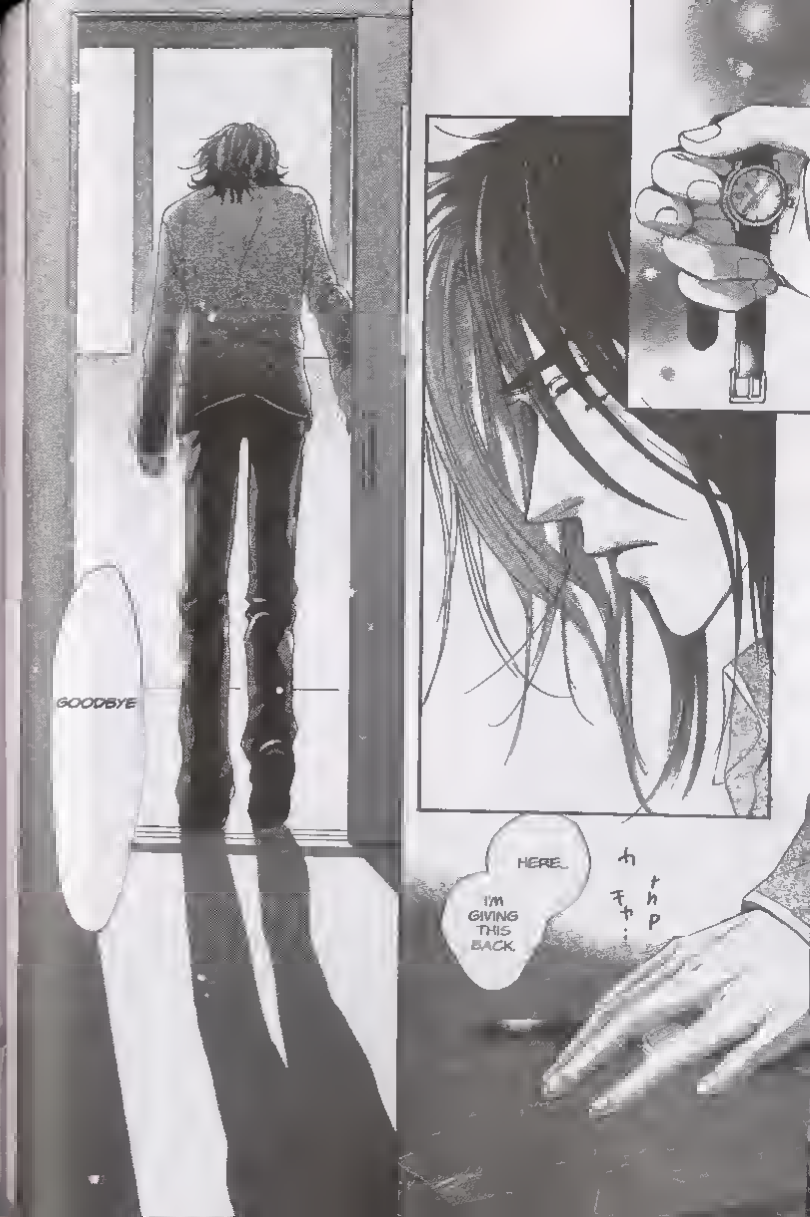
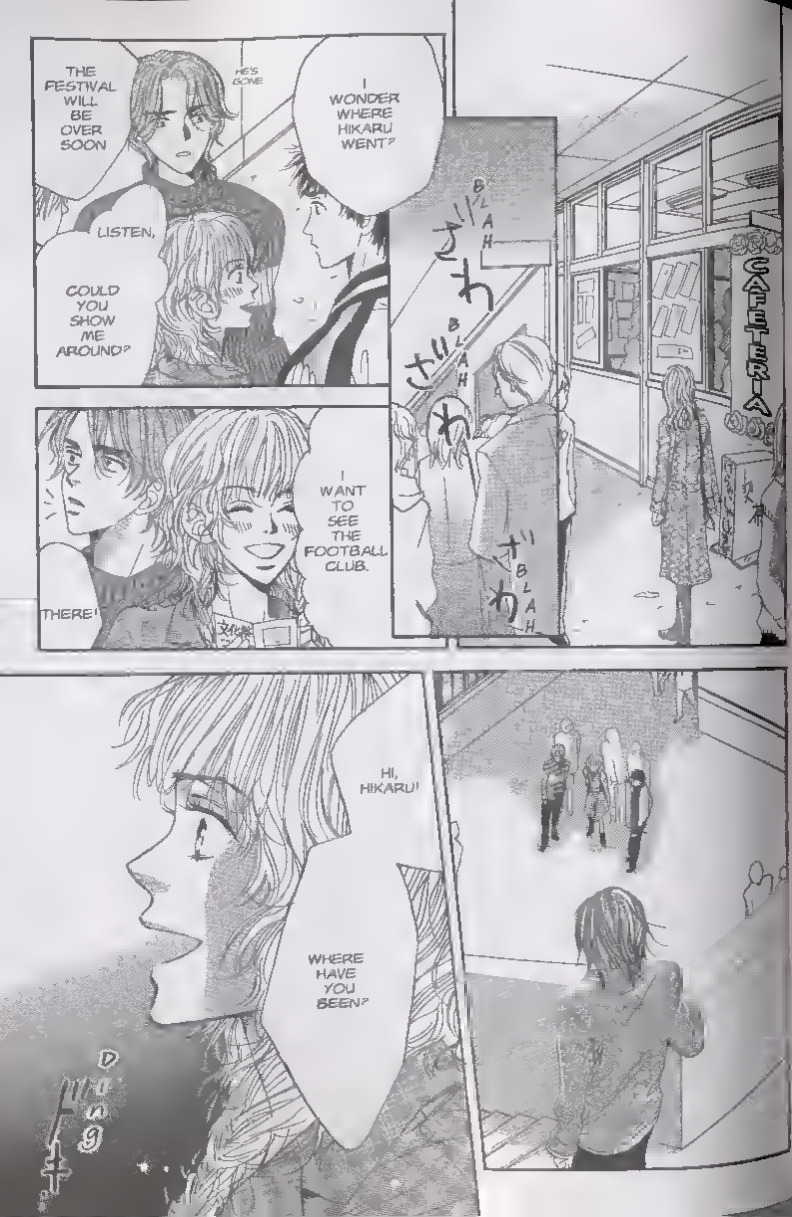
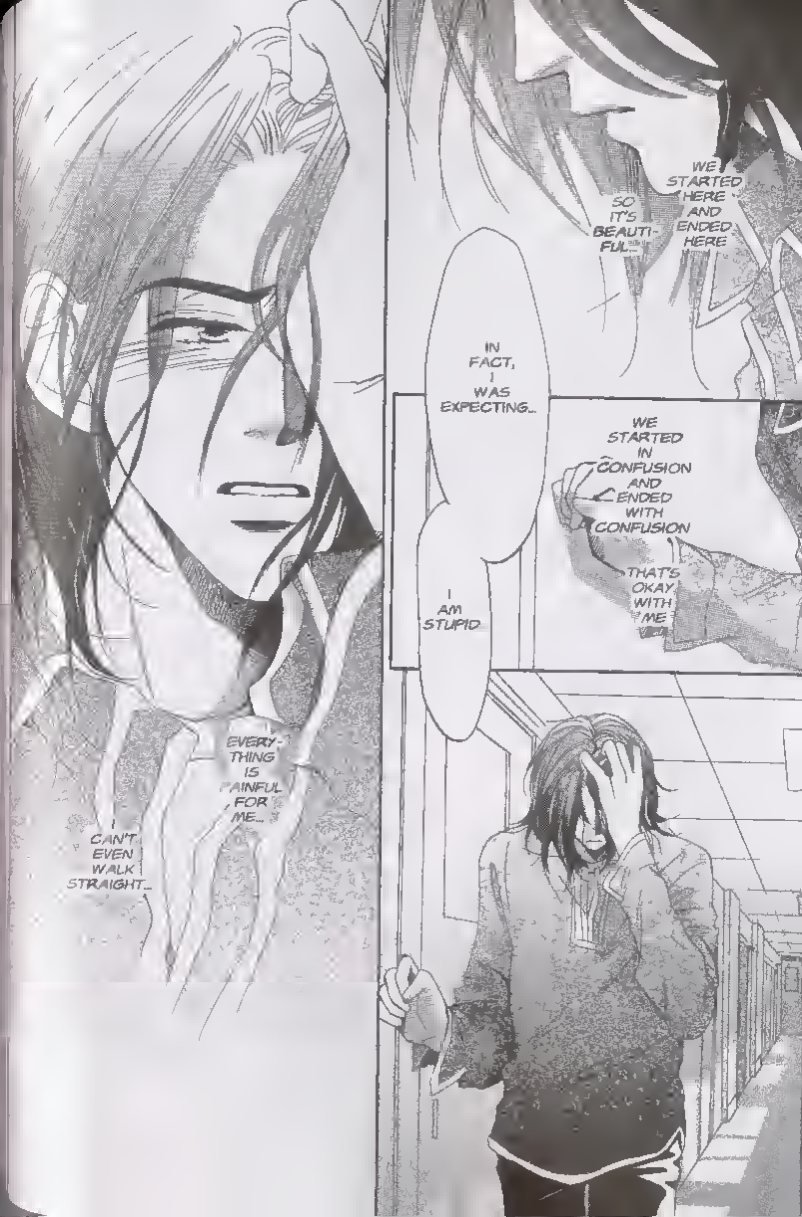
GOODBYE.
IT'S TOO PAINFUL FOR ME TO SAY...
EVEN AFTER GRADUATION, I DIDN'T USE THE WORD...

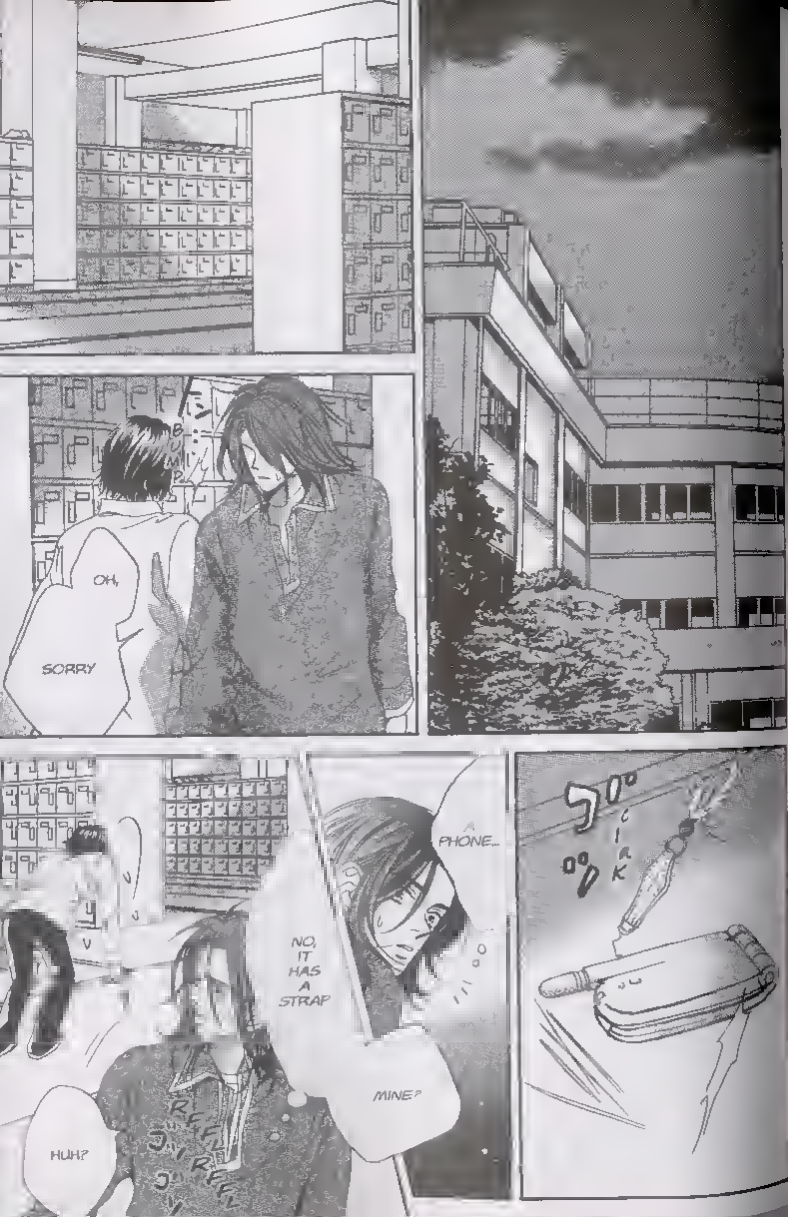

GOODBYE
HERE.
I'M GIVING THIS BACK.


THE FESTIVAL WILL BE OVER SOON
HE'S GONE
I WONDER WHERE HIKARU WENT?
LISTEN,
COULD YOU SHOW ME AROUND?
BLAH
さわ
BLAH
CAFETERIA
I WANT TO SEE THE FOOTBALL CLUB.
THERE!
HI, HIKARU!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
Dawn

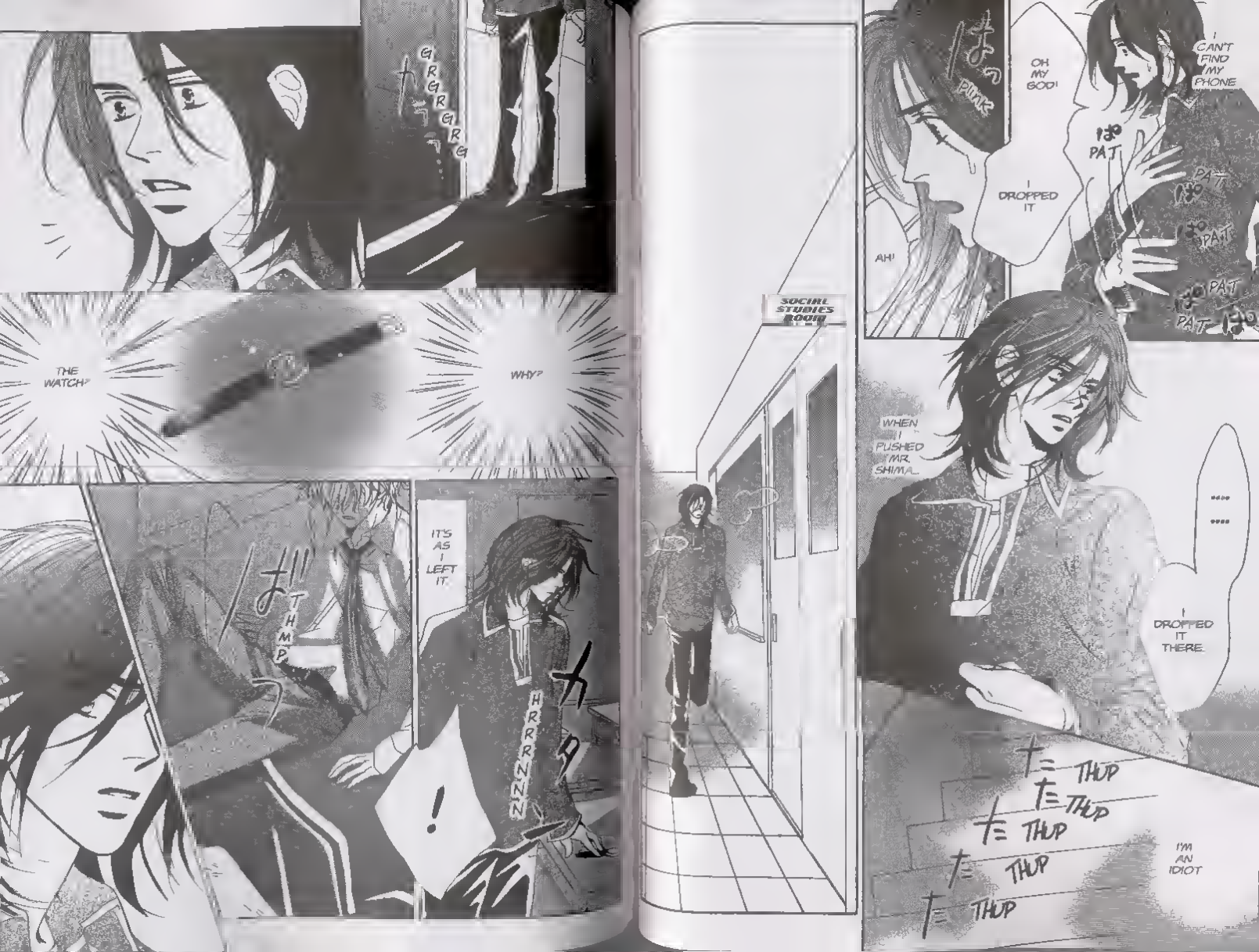

I CAN'T EVEN WALK STRAIGHT...
EVERY-THING IS PAINFUL FOR ME...
SO IT'S BEAUTI-FUL—
WE STARTED HERE AND ENDED HERE
IN FACT, I WAS EXPECTING...
WE STARTED IN CONFUSION AND ENDED WITH CONFUSION
I AM STUPID
THAT'S OKAY WITH ME

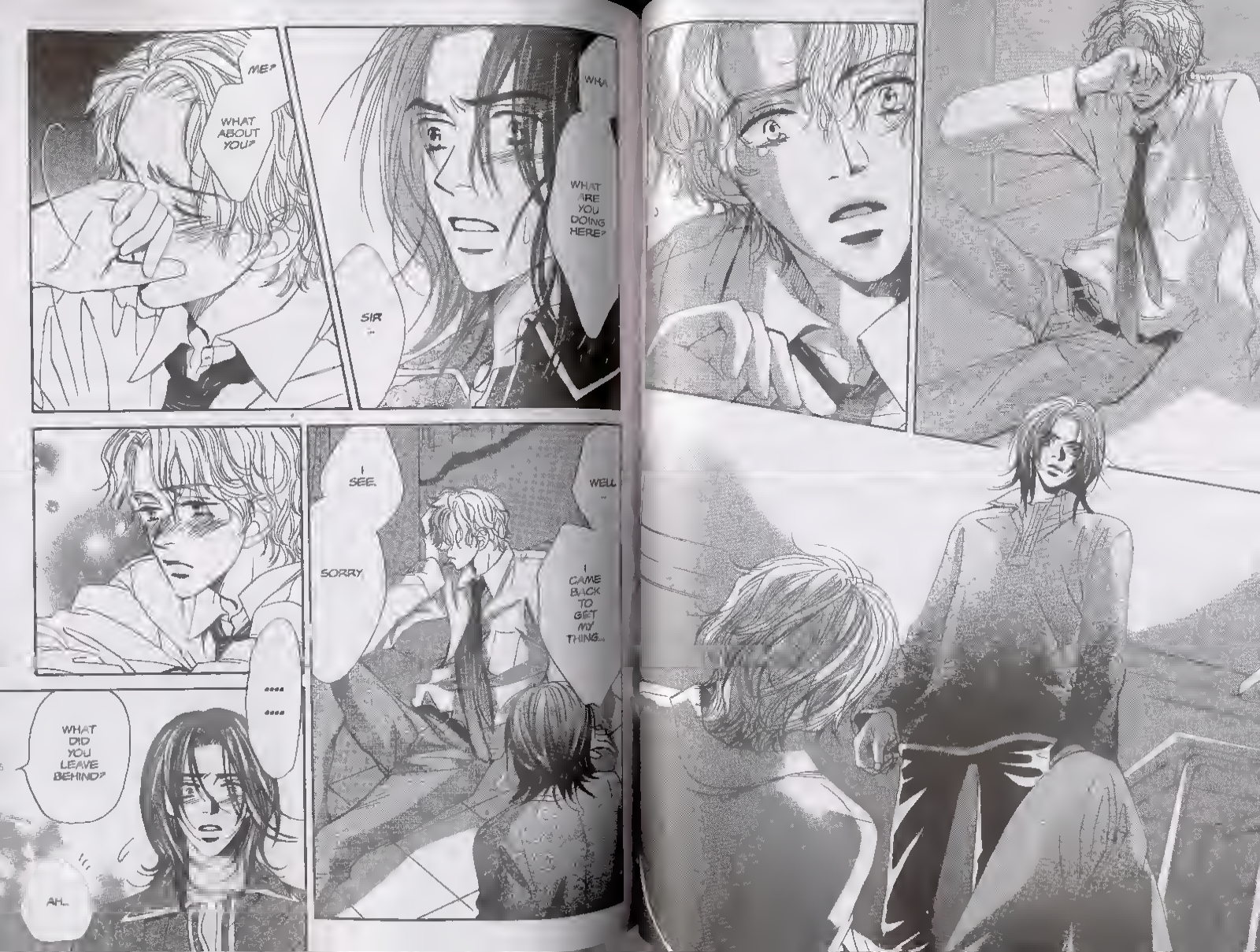
THERE ARE MANY GUYS HERE WHO ARE MUCH BETTER THAN ME
GO GET'EM.
TSUKASA —
WHY SHOULD I BE WITH ANOTHER GUY?
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
DON'T LEAVE ME!
GASP
WHA-
WHAT?

HIKARU —?
YOU LOOK HAPPY.
WHAT?
THAT'S TOO MUCH.
grab
HIKARU?!
YOU CAN PLAY WITH THEM AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
I'M LEAVING.
HEY, HIKARU


OH,
SORRY
HUH?
NO, IT HAS A STRAP
MINE?
A PHONE...
CLICK

UM...
HEY
AH...
....
....
YOU'RE MEAN!


GRGRGRG
THE WATCH?
WHY?
THMP
IT'S AS I LEFT IT.
HRRRNNN
SOCIAL STUDIES ROOM
PIPIPI
OH MY GOD!
I CAN'T FIND MY PHONE
I DROPPED IT
AH!
PAT
WHEN I PUSHED MR. SHIMA...
.....
I DROPPED IT THERE.
THUP
I'M AN IDIOT

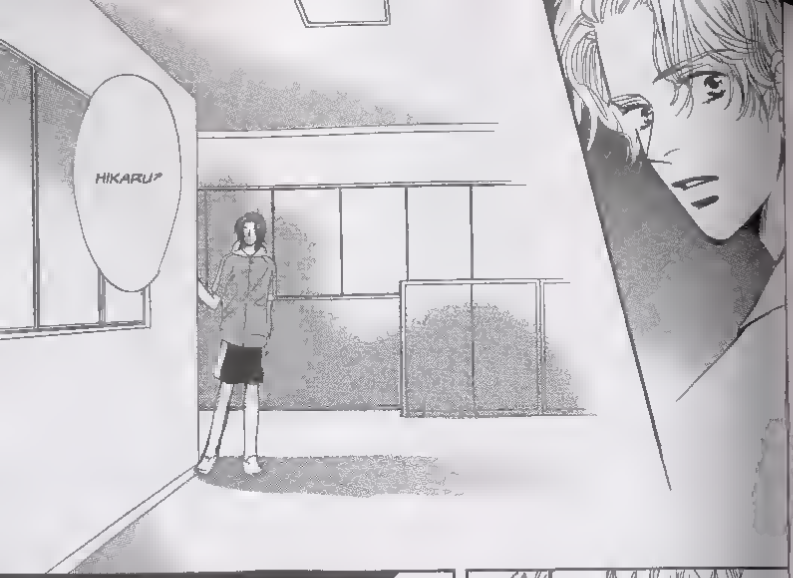

ME?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SIR ...
I SEE.
WELL ...
SORRY
I CAME BACK TO GET MY THING...
.....
.....
WHAT DID YOU LEAVE BEHIND?
AH...

I'M SORRY FOR DECIEVING YOU
WHAT?
SIR
OH.
I FOUND IT
THERE!
A PHONE ...?
AHH ~
A MOBILE PHONE
AHH..
THANK YOU
....
....

A FEW MINUTES BEFORE I GOT YOUR MESSAGE,
I WAS WITH AMAMIYA
THAT DAY...
YOU SENT FOR ME PRETENDING TO BE AMAMIYA
I KNEW IT WAS A LIE
.....
.....
I WAS HOPING...
SO YOU CAME HERE KNOWING...
IT WAS A LIE...
TELL ME YOUR FEELINGS
SIR..?
I KNEW EVERY-THING
THE TRUTH IS...
IT WAS IMPOSS-IBLE

SIR,
WERE YOU IN LOVE WITH ME?
....
....
YES...
....
....
I LIKE ALL MY STUDENTS WHO CARE FOR ME...
BUT I GUESS THAT IS NOT THE POINT...
I DON'T KNOW...
OH NO...
SINCE WHEN?

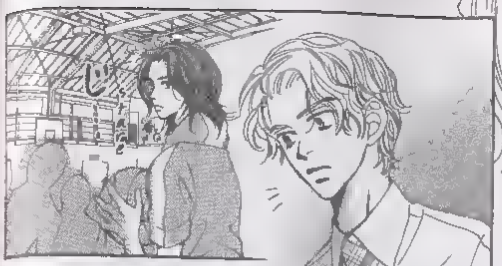
I PRETENDED TO BE THE VICTIM.
WHILE YOU WERE FORCING ME...
I WAS ALSO FORCING YOU
THAT DAY, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE ONE FORCING YOU...
...AFTER HEARING THOSE MARRIAGE RUMORS
KNEW YOU WERE DESPERATE...
HE CAME HERE KNOWING I LIED
WAIT A SECOND
HEY...
WHAT?

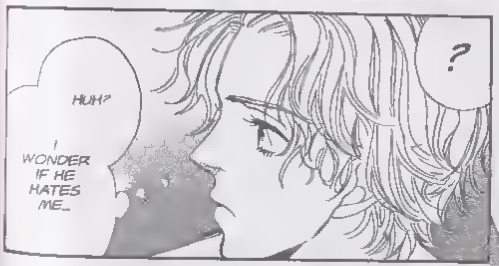

HIKARU?

THAT'S MINE...
HOW?
DIDN'T YOU PASS BY THE GYM A WHILE AGO?

....
....
WHAT IS IT?

....
....
WELL...
HERE YOU GO...

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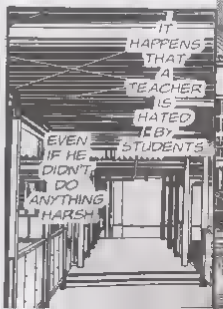
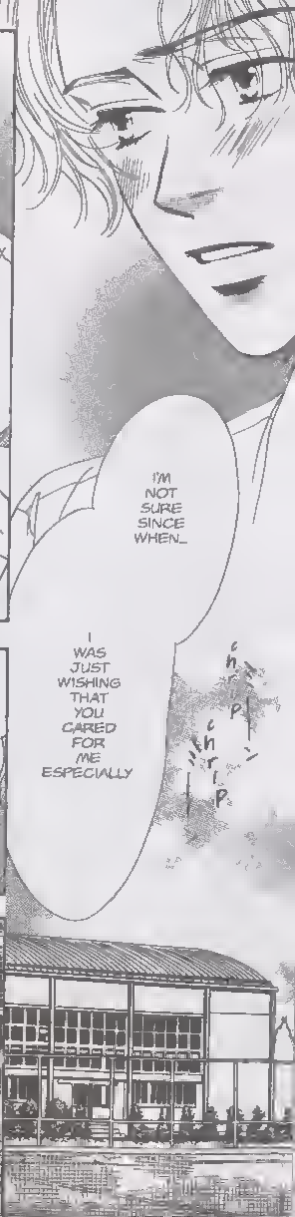
HUH?
I WONDER IF HE HATES ME...

SIR!

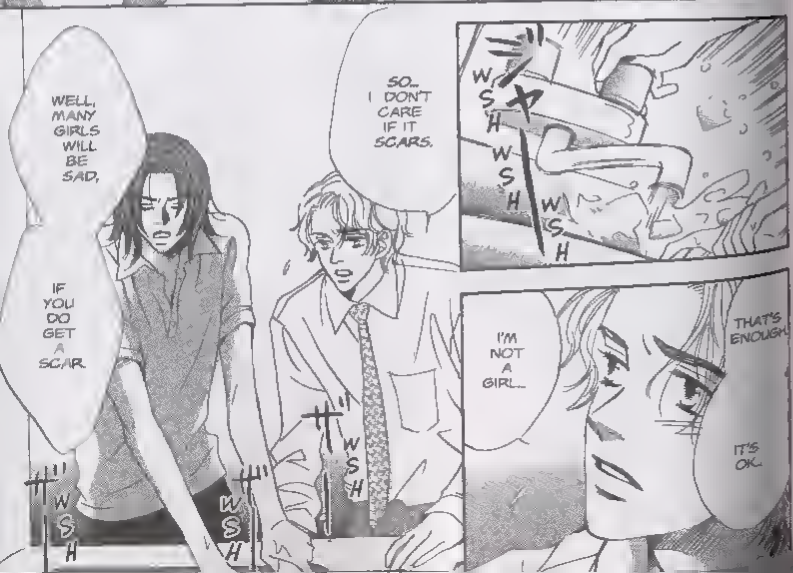

IT HAPPENS THAT A TEACHER IS HATED BY STUDENTS
EVEN IF HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING HARSH


I'M NOT SURE SINCE WHEN...
I WAS JUST WISHING THAT YOU CARED FOR ME ESPECIALLY

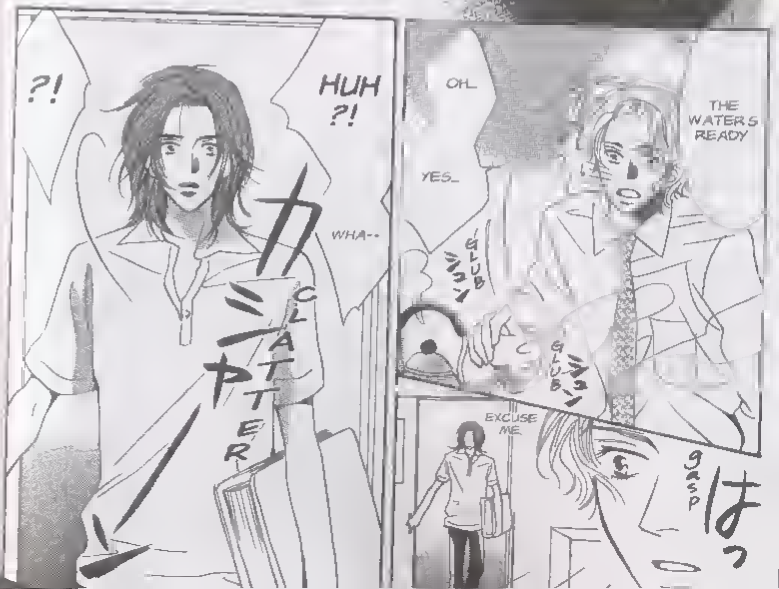
ha ha ha
EXCUSE ME
LUNCH BREAK? I CAN'T GO
I HAVE TO PREPARE FOR CLASS
EH..
sigh
I THINK HE HATES ME..

ANYWAY, I STILL HAVE CLASS
HEY,
WAIT..
HOW'D YOU KNOW IT'S MINE?
DID I DROP THIS?
AH..

YOU HAVE TO COOL IT DOWN
NO-THING
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I'M FINE
I JUST TOUCHED THE COVER
HIKARU...


WELL, MANY GIRLS WILL BE SAD,
IF YOU DO GET A SCAR.
SO... I DON'T CARE IF IT SCARS.
WSH
I'M NOT A GIRL...
THAT'S ENOUGH.
IT'S OK.

FACULTY ROOM
IT'S VERY... OBVIOUS...
シュン CLUB
THINKING
MR SHIMA?
!


?!
HUH?!
カミナリ
CLATTER
WHA--
OH.
YES...
THE WATER'S READY
EXCUSE ME.
grasp
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WHEN I REALIZED, I ALWAYS SOUGHT YOU OUT
THANK YOU.
HEY, HIKARU!
GRGRGR
ガヤガヤ
ガバッ
GRASP
SWIP

LIKE THOSE WHO HATE ME...
!
.....
.....
I BET THERE WOULD BE SOME WHO'D BE HAPPY WITH MY SCAR.
THOSE PEOPLE...
DO NOT EXIST!
GRASP
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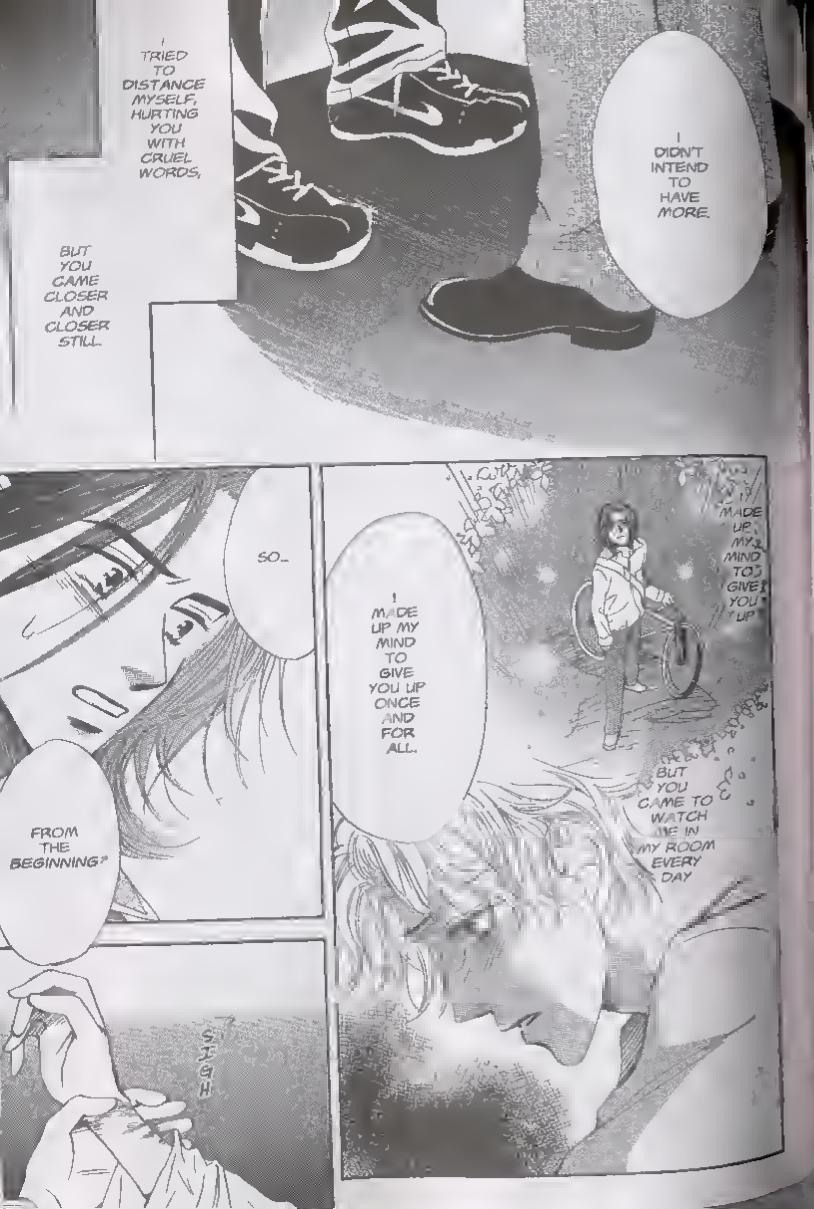
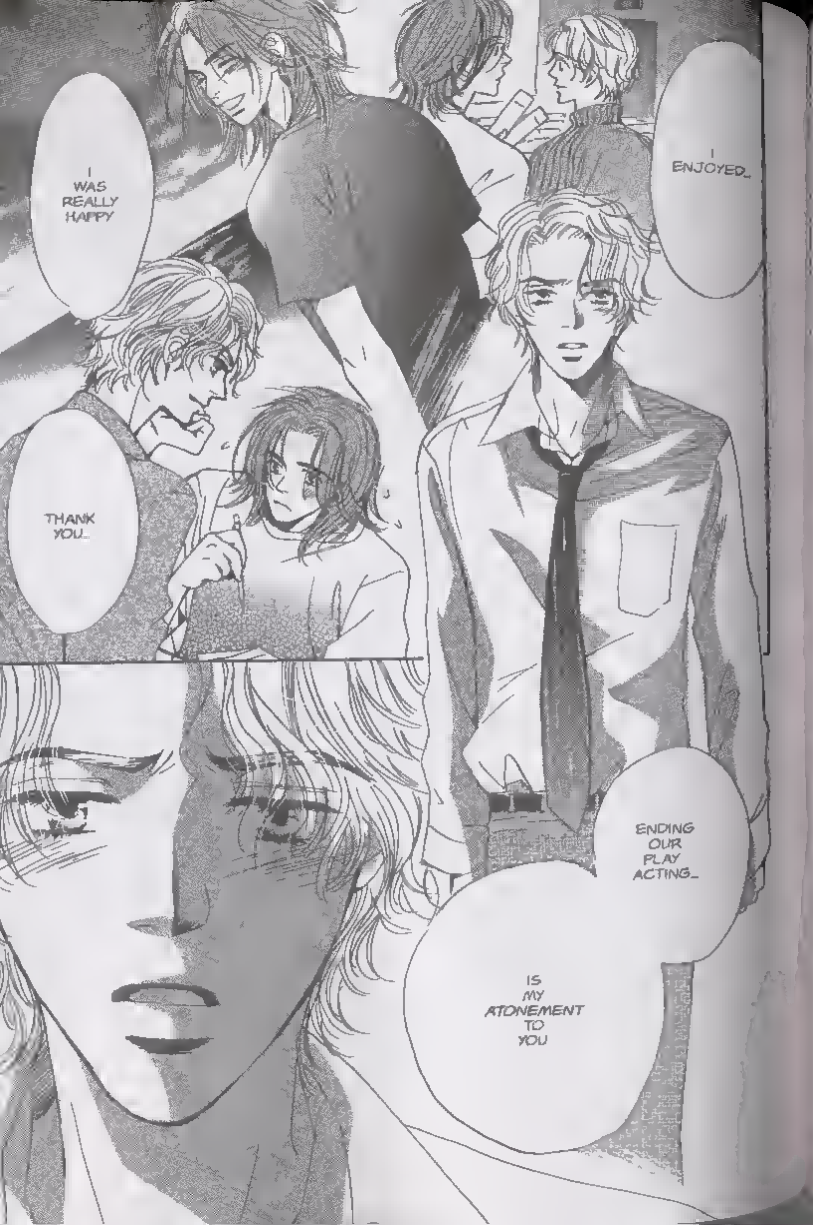
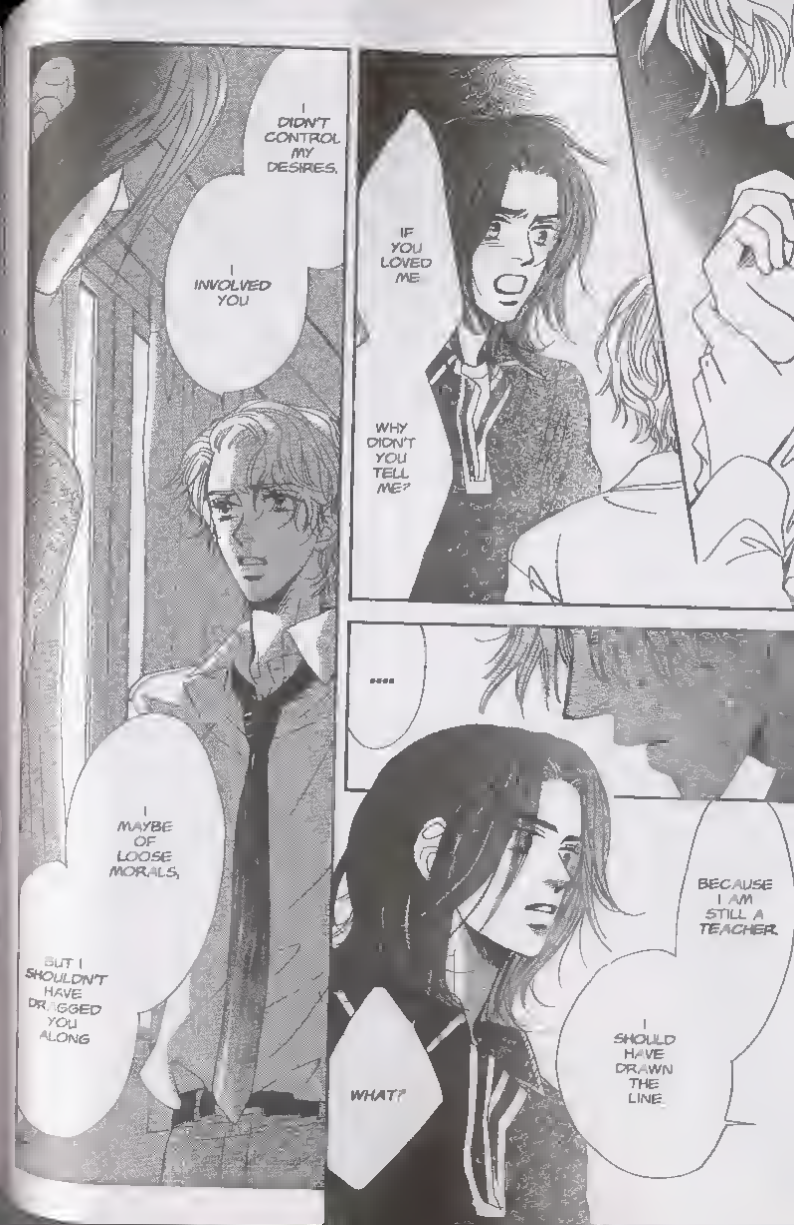
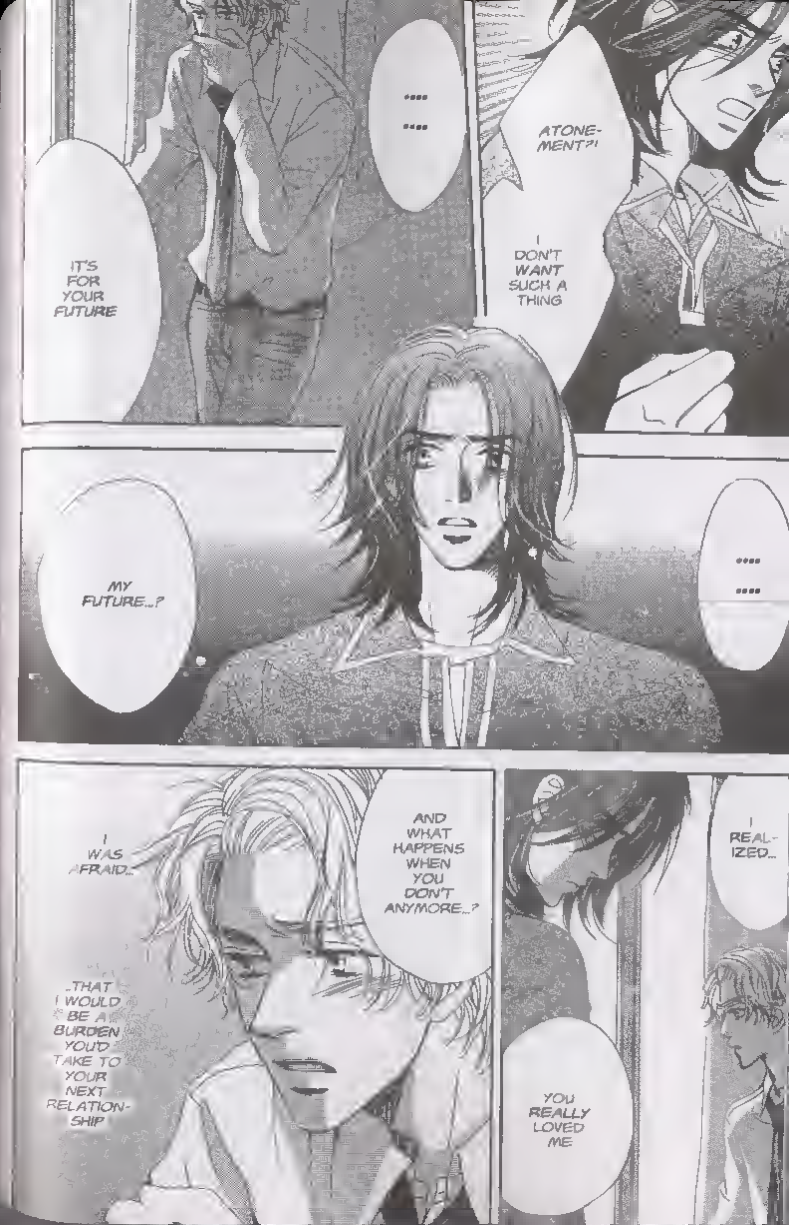

I TRIED TO DISTANCE MYSELF, HURTING YOU WITH CRUEL WORDS.
BUT YOU CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER STILL.
I DIDN'T INTEND TO HAVE MORE.
SO...
FROM THE BEGINNING."
SIGH
I MADE UP MY MIND TO GIVE YOU UP ONCE AND FOR ALL.
I MADE UP MY MIND TO GIVE YOU UP
BUT YOU CAME TO WATCH ME IN MY ROOM EVERY DAY

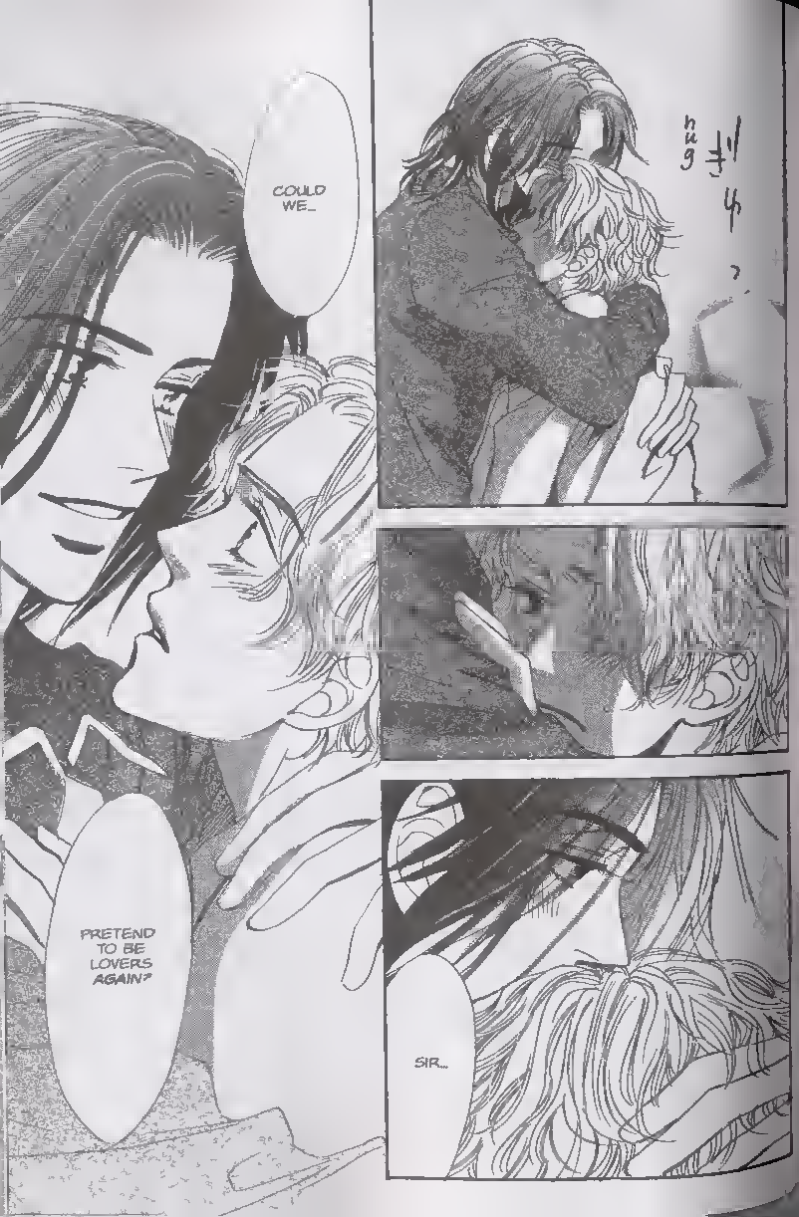
I USED YOUR DESIRE.
...BECAUSE I COULDN'T MAKE THE FIRST MOVE
GOT TO KNOW YOUR FEELINGS AS WELL.
WHEN I ADMITTED MY FEELINGS TO MYSELF.
I STARTED TO WANT YOU...
WHILE I WAS WATCHING YOU...
RATHER THAN RUSHING YOU...
I ENCOURAGED YOUR OBSESSION WORDLESSLY
ATTRACTION WITHOUT WORDS
I LOOKED INTO YOUR EYES...
WHEN THE MARRIAGE RUMORS WERE SPREAD,
MY EVIL WISH WAS GRANTED
IT WAS ENOUGH FOR ME TO BE SATISFIED
THEN THAT DAY, I GOT IT


I WAS REALLY HAPPY
I ENJOYED...
THANK YOU...
ENDING OUR PLAY ACTING...
IS MY ATONEMENT TO YOU

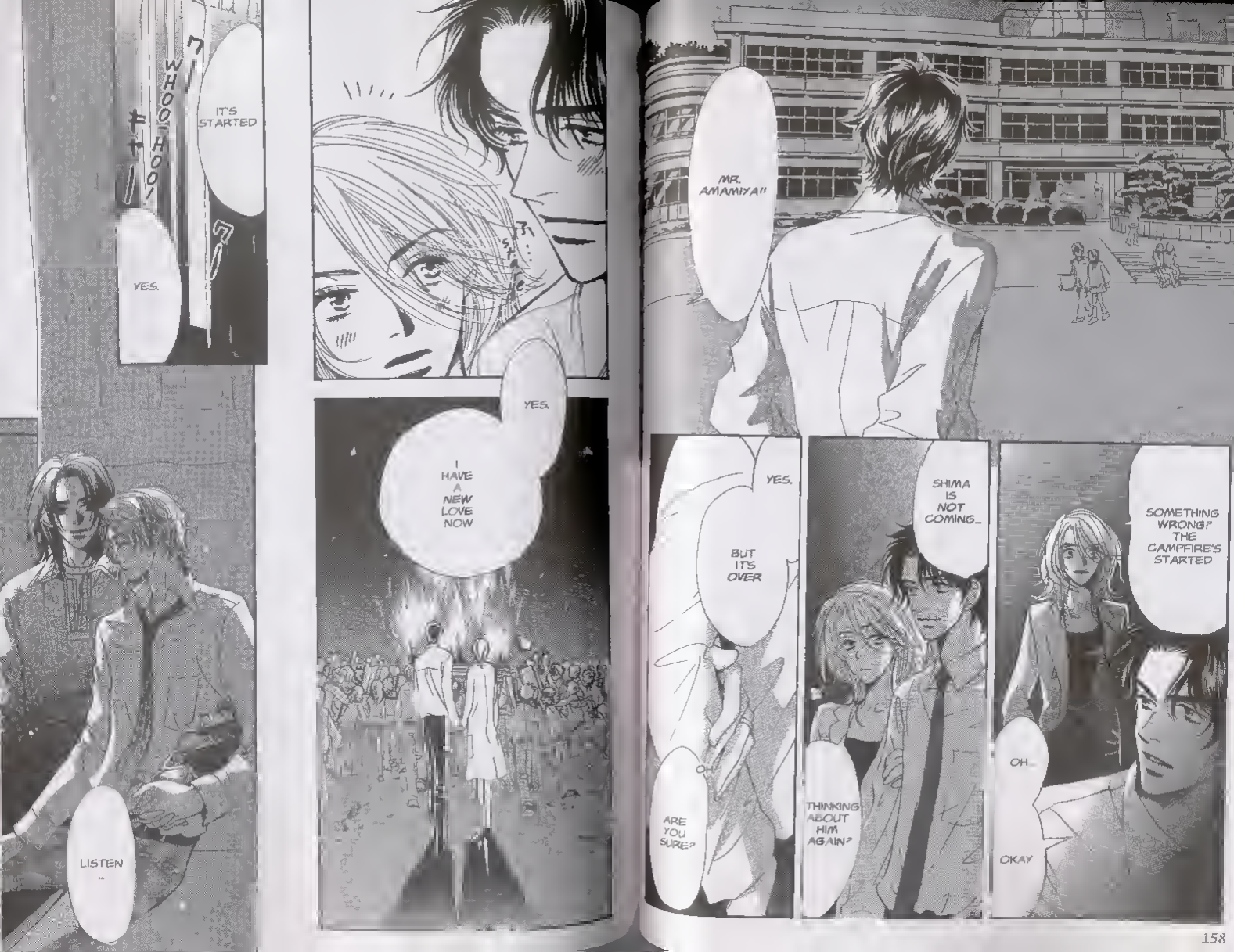

I DIDN'T CONTROL MY DESIRES.
I INVOLVED YOU
I MAYBE OF LOOSE MORALS.
BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE DRAGGED YOU ALONG
IF YOU LOVED ME
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
....
BECAUSE I AM STILL A TEACHER.
I SHOULD HAVE DRAWN THE LINE.
WHAT?

AN EXCUSE PLAY-ACTING
I WANTED YOU TO THINK OF ME...
...AS NOTHING SERIOUS
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WITH AMAMIYA
I WANTED YOU TO HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE YOU CAN TAKE
YOU CAN THINK IT WAS JUST UNREQUITED.
I WANTED IT TO END LIKE THAT...


....
ATONE-MENT?!
I DON'T WANT SUCH A THING
IT'S FOR YOUR FUTURE
MY FUTURE...?
....
I WAS AFRAID...
AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T ANYMORE...?
...THAT I WOULD BE A BURDEN YOU'D TAKE TO YOUR NEXT RELATION-SHIP
I REAL-IZED...
YOU REALLY LOVED ME

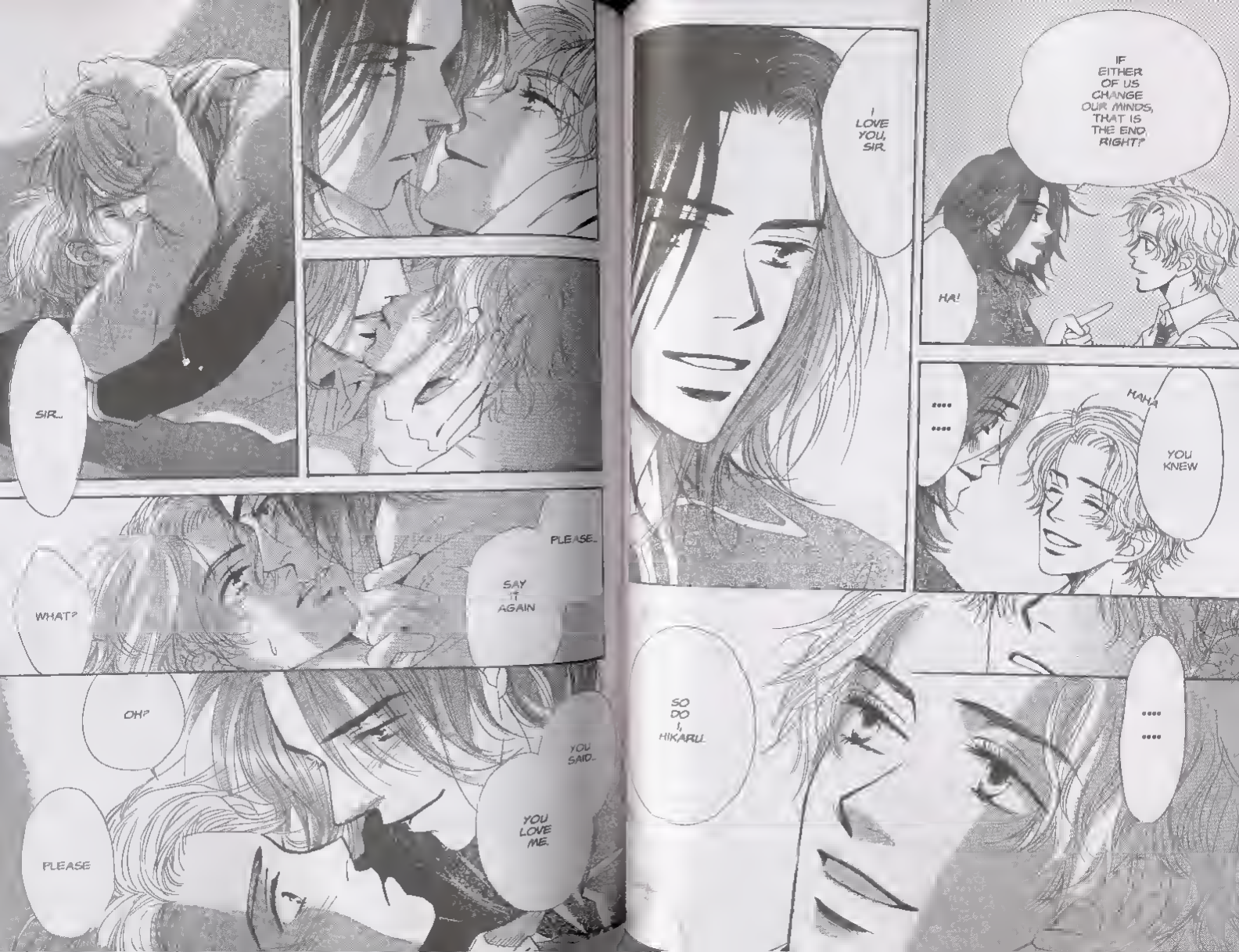

COULD WE..
PRETEND TO BE LOVERS AGAIN?
hug
SIR..

YOU TOLD ME THAT YOUR LOVE LIFE IS VERY BAD
BUT..
I FELT THAT EVERYTHING WAS DENIED EVEN YOUR FUTURE WHICH I DID MY BEST TO PROTECT.
YOU EVEN RETURNED THE WATCH I GAVE WITH LOVE.
....
....
SIR..
I CAN'T GO ON WITH SO MUCH CONTRA DICTIONS.


IT'S STARTED
WHOO HOO!
YES.
LISTEN
YES.
I HAVE A NEW LOVE NOW
MR. AMAMIYA!!
YES.
BUT IT'S OVER
OH...
ARE YOU SURE?
SHIMA IS NOT COMING...
THINKING ABOUT HIM AGAIN?
SOMETHING WRONG? THE CAMPFIRE'S STARTED
OH...
OKAY

YOU ARE NOT A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ANY-MORE
I'M NOT IN HIGH SCHOOL ANYMORE.
RIGHT...
I HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE.
YOU AREN'T
IS THAT SO
SO...
COULD WE?
ON ONE CONDITION

FLOP
COULD WE DATE... UNTIL I GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY?
I DON'T LIKE LONG DISTANCE RELATION-SHIPS
IT'S JUST AN HOUR AND A HALF BY CAR
THIS TIME, I'LL BUY ONE.
REALLY?
IF I HAD KNOWN, I WOULDN'T HAVE SOLD MY CAR.
DON'T WORRY


SIR...
WHAT?
PLEASE...
SAY IT AGAIN
OH?
YOU SAID...
YOU LOVE ME.
PLEASE
I LOVE YOU, SIR.
IF EITHER OF US CHANGE OUR MINDS, THAT IS THE END, RIGHT?
HA!
.....
.....
HAHA
YOU KNEW
SO DO I, HIKARU.
.....
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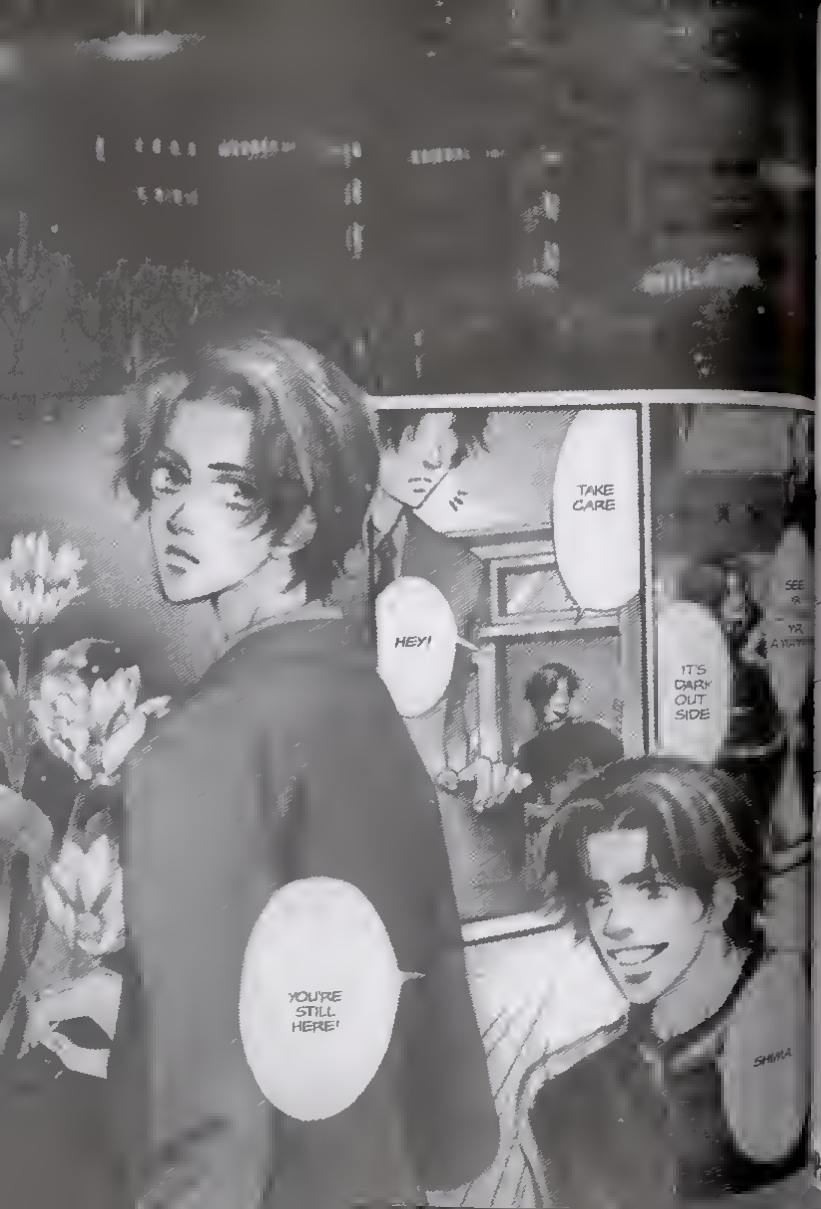
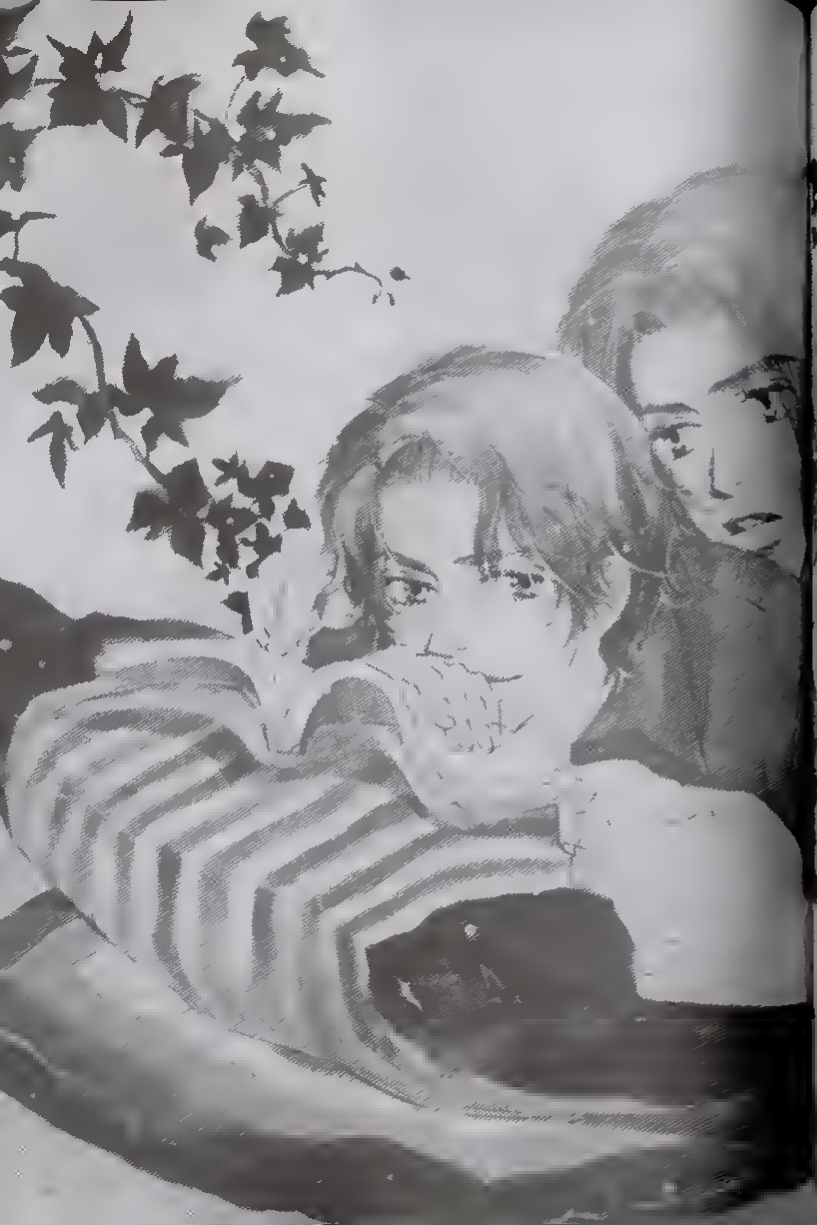


Passion 6 END



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VALENTINE SIDE STORY

JUST THE TWO OF US?
IT'S TOO COLD FOR SPORTS TONIGHT
WHY DON'T WE GO OUT AND EAT HOT POT INSTEAD?
I HOPE SHE WON'T GET JEALOUS.
SHE WON'T
OUT WITH AN EX-BOY-FRIEND...
WHY...
COME ON!
IT'S NO BIG DEAL TO HAVE DINNER WITH A FRIEND
HOT POT.. BEEN A LONG TIME..
IT'S HARD TO HAVE IT ALONE
AHH
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE SCARED
SHE UNDER-STANDS ME SO MUCH.
IT SCARES ME
IT'S NOT ME I'M WORRIED ABOUT
IT'S YOU

HELLO,
I AM SHOKO TAKAKU WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE ART FOR THIS BOOK. I CAN NOW SAY THAT "PASSION" HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY FINISHED. I'VE BEEN DRAWING THIS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND ACTUALLY, I WANT TO DO THIS SOME MORE, ENDING THE STORY MAKES ME SAD...
I THANK ALL WHO HAVE READ THIS, SUPPORTED US AND SENT THEIR COMMENTS AND ILLUSTRATIONS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO SHINOBU GOTO WHO WROTE THE ORIGINAL STORY. MY HIKARU BECAME MORE GIRLISH THAN WHAT GOTO ORIGINALLY INTENDED. AND MR. SHIMA SURPRISINGLY CAME OUT AS A COLD BEAUTY...I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WARM SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN.

THANKS TO YAMADA. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOR ME TO ILLUSTRATE AN ORIGINAL STORY, SO I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT I WAS ABLE TO FINISH THIS BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT. TO MY ASSISTANTS...HONEY-CHAN, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME. MIYUKICHI, AZU-CHAN, IKUE, AND YUKI. THANK YOU YOU GUYS HELPED ME A LOT. THIS PASSION WAS MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF SEVERAL PEOPLE'S SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SHOKO TAKAKU
2003 JUNE

I HAD A GREAT TIME WORKING WITH SHOKO. EVEN WHEN I WAS MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT FOR HER, I COULD SEE ALL THE WONDERFUL EFFORT SHE PUT INTO THE STORY. IN FACT, I FOUND SHIMA ULTRA-ATTRACTIVE AS WELL. SHE DID A GOOD JOB, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPE TO MAKE A SEQUEL TO "PASSION." IF YOU ARE NOT YET TIRED OF ME, I HOPE THAT YOU'D WORK WITH ME AGAIN. PLEASE!
I THINK I'M USING THIS MESSAGE BOARD FOR MY PRIVATE PURPOSES

SHINOBU GOTO

YUP!
RICE PORRIDGE SHOULD BE LAST
YOU CAN EAT MORE?
HERE'S YOUR RICE FOR-RIDGE.
HOT POT'S GOOD
IT WARMED ME TO THE BONE
SHE'S TOO STRONG
I GUESS YOU'D BE A GOOD HUSBAND
YOU WANT SOME, DON'T YOU?
THIS IS FOR MY OTHER STOMACH.
TEN O' CLOCK
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HA HA HA
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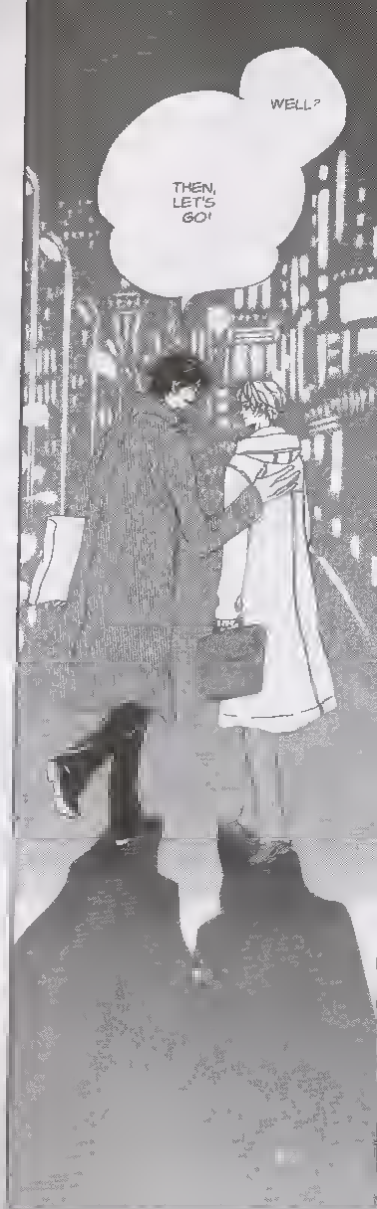
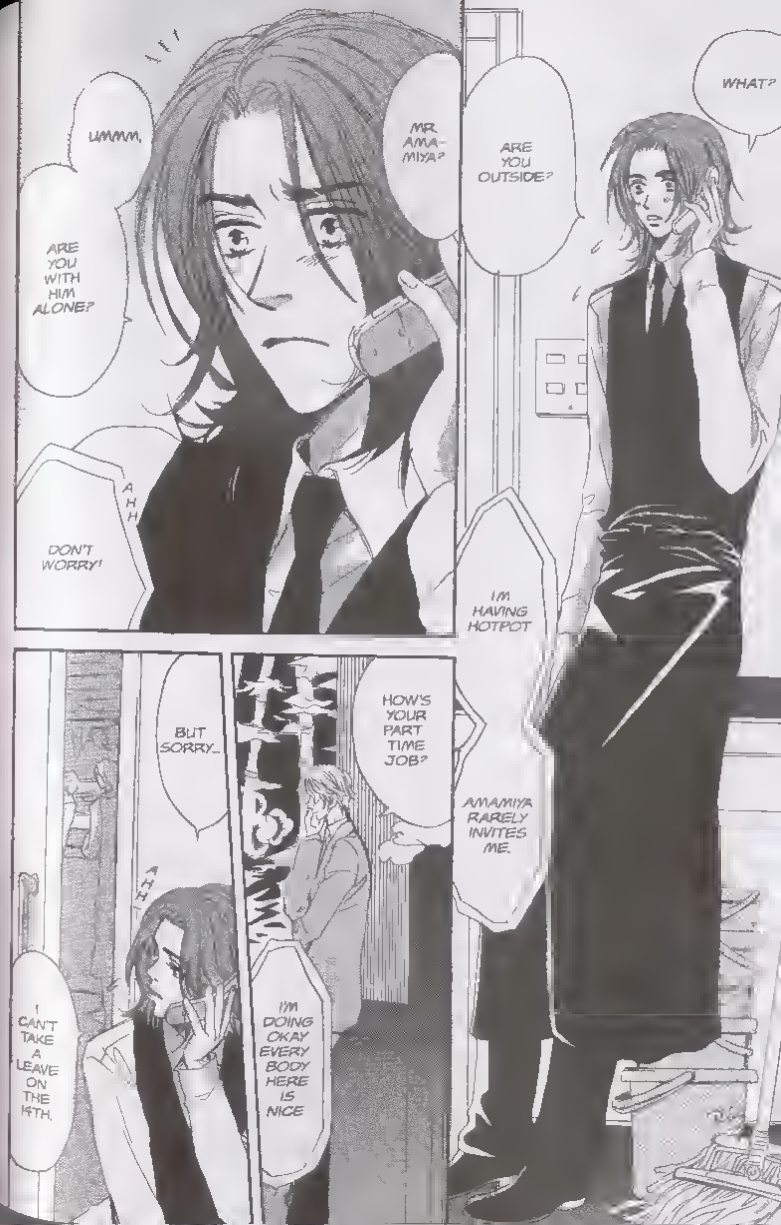
OOF!
I ATE SO MUCH.


WELL?
THEN, LET'S GO!

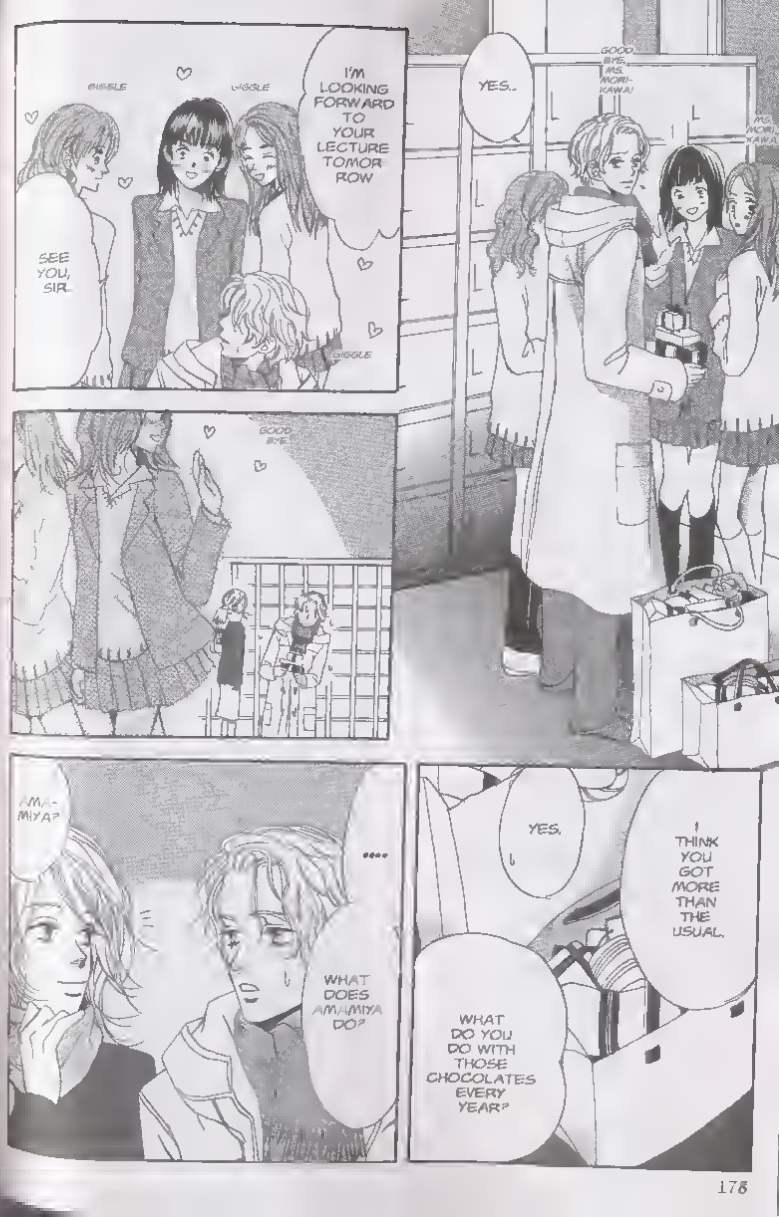
MY CHEEKS ARE GETTING WIND-BURNT.
IT MIGHT SNOW
HIKARU
HELLO?
ZIP
HI, SIR.
HOW ARE YOU DOING IT'S SO COLD TONIGHT
ER...
YEAH...
EAT IT!
WHILE IT'S HOT IT SHOULD BE HOT
!
7" buru
7" buru
7" buru
7" buru
RIGHT ON!
HERE IT IS!!
WELL...
AMAMIYA...
SORRY
SURE
EX-CUSE ME
STAND
WHAT IS IT?
TELE PHONE?
TAKE YOUR TIME

ABSOLUTELY NOT!
PLEASE BOSS!!
I SEE..
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE THEN.
HAA..
I BEGGED BUT I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE SHORT-HANDED
I UNDERSTAND
VALENTINE'S DAY IS A BUSY TIME FOR CAFES.
YEAH.
SINCE YOU'RE SAVING UP FOR A CAR
YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN
RIGHT
BOSS TOLD ME TO WORK VERY HARD
I'D BE THE ONE TO GO AND SEE YOU
HUH?
REALLY ?!!
....
IF IT WASN'T A WEEKDAY..
SORRY, I CAN'T SEE YOU ON VALENTINE'S DAY


UMMM,
ARE YOU WITH HIM ALONE?
MR AMAMIYA?
AHH
DON'T WORRY!
ARE YOU OUTSIDE?
WHAT?
I'M HAVING HOTPOT
AMAMIYA RARELY INVITES ME.
BUT SORRY..
I CAN'T TAKE A LEAVE ON THE 14TH.
HOW'S YOUR PART TIME JOB?
I'M DOING OKAY EVERY BODY HERE IS NICE

HA HA
MR. SHIMA,
EVERY YEAR IS TROUBLE FOR YOU
"YOU SHOULD GO HOME EARLY"
MR. AMAMIYA
ARE YOU WITH HIM ALONE
UMM. UMM... AHH..
I THOUGHT MY HEART WOULD STOP
OKAY, YOU HAVE TO EXCUSE ME NOW
SO...
WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?
HIKARU, ARE YOU STILL ON A BREAK?
YEAH, THANKS.
YOUR KINDNESS IS ENOUGH.
THANK YOU, SIR
HA HA
I KNOW.
YES, YOU TOO.
YOU SHOULD GO HOME EARLY
TAKE CARE
P!P
OOPS!
I'LL CALL YOU LATER AGAIN

COULD YOU BRING THESE, TOO?
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
THIS YEAR,
HE'S GIVING THEM OUT TO CHILDREN
MR. SHIMA !!!
GOOD! YOU'RE STILL HERE
WOW! THAT'S A LOT


GIGGLE
GIGGLE
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR LECTURE TOMORROW
SEE YOU, SIR.
GIGGLE
GOOD BYE
YES..
GOOD BYE, MS. MORIKAWA!
AMAMIYA?
....
WHAT DOES AMAMIYA DO?
YES.
I THINK YOU GOT MORE THAN THE USUAL.
WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THOSE CHOCOLATES EVERY YEAR?

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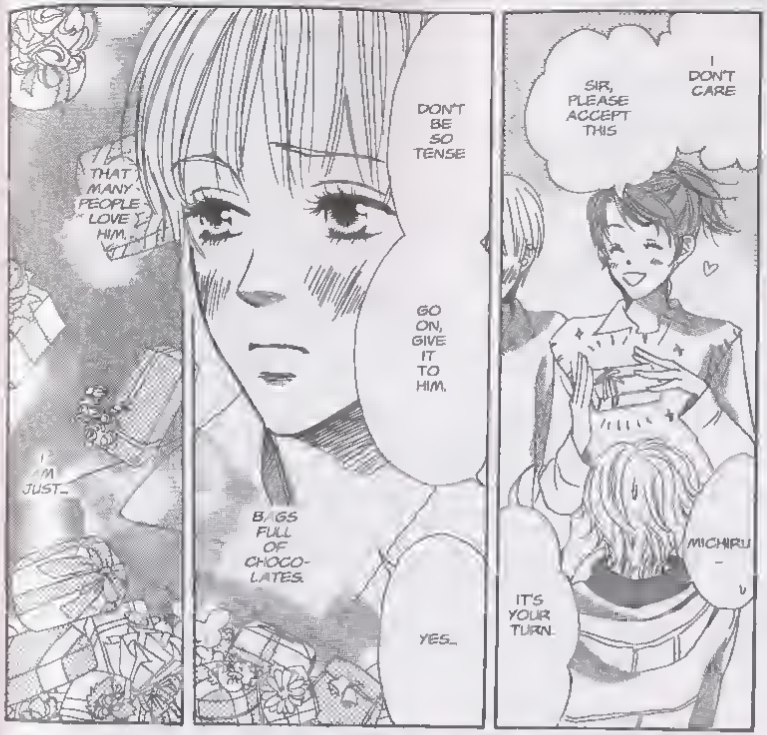
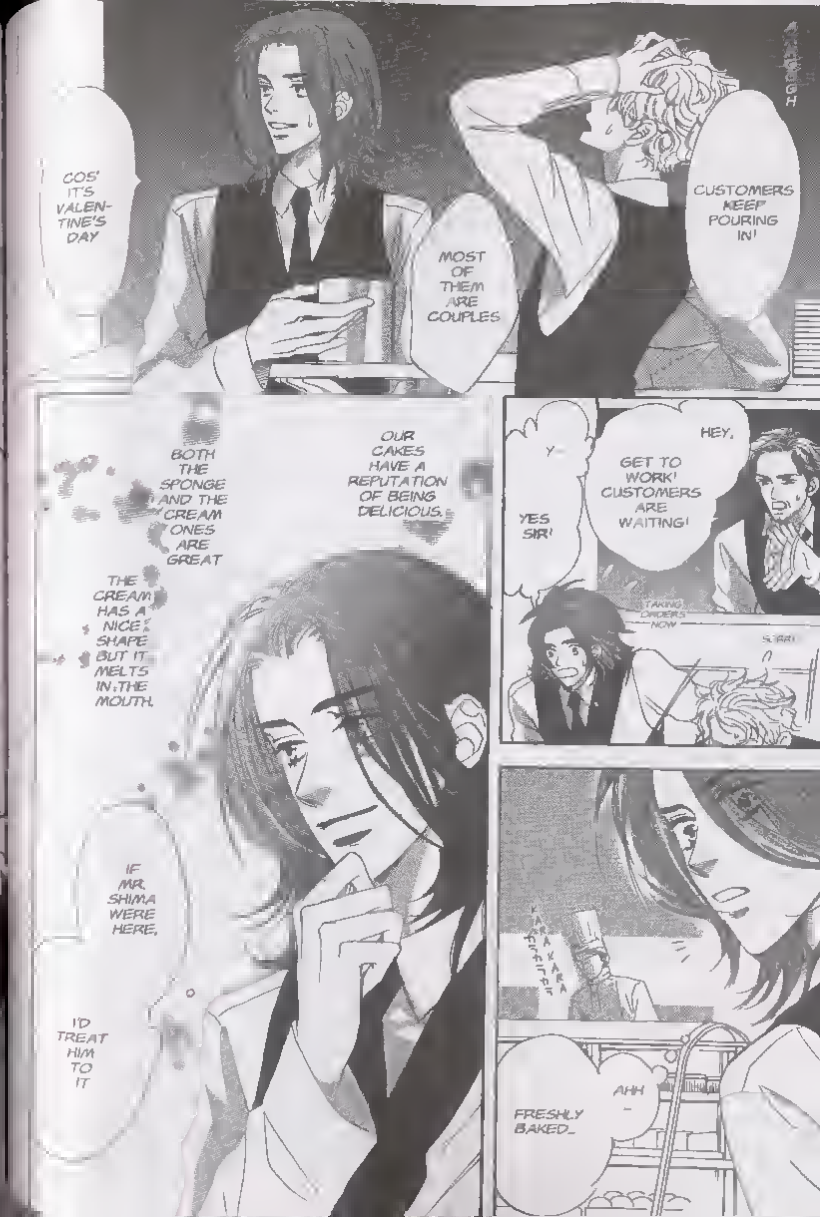
THUD
MICHIRU...
....
ARE YOU OKAY?
AH -
KYAA!!
MICHIRU !!!
OH MY GOD!
LAY HER DOWN. HURRY!

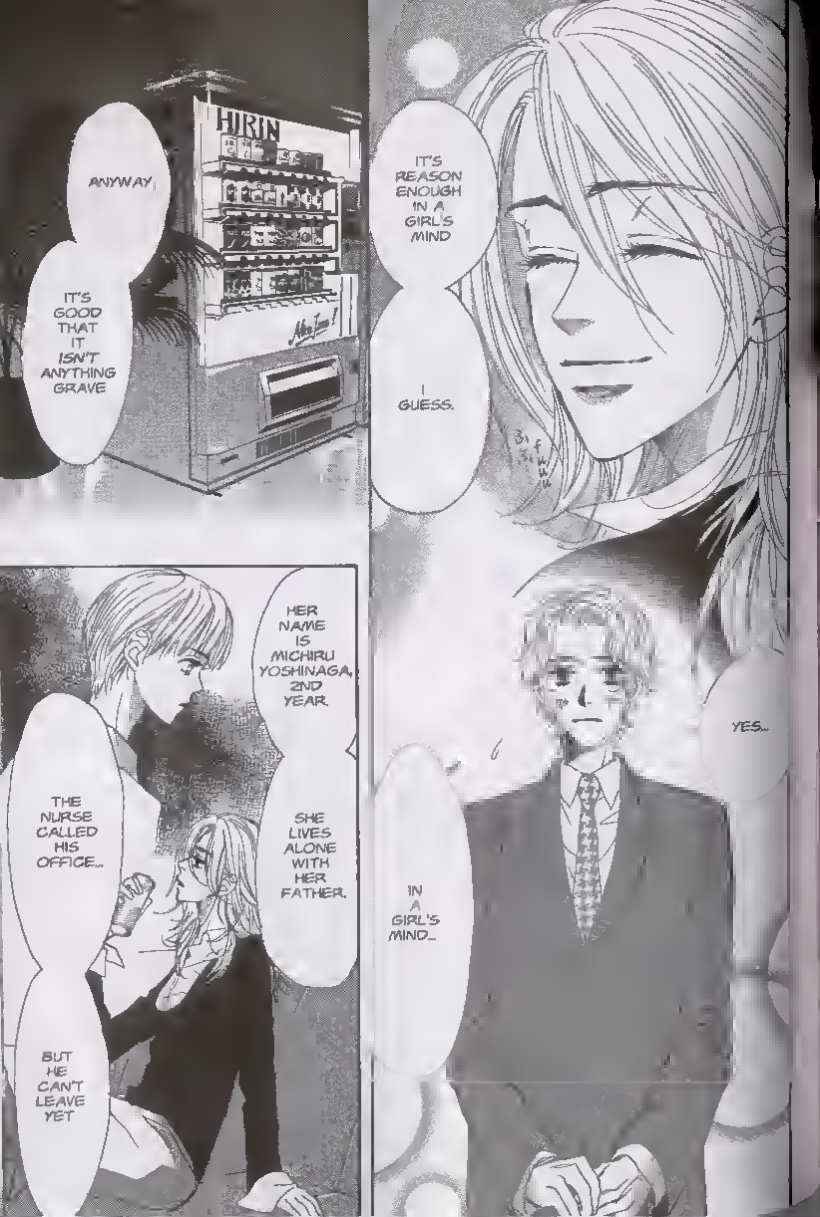

I DON'T CARE
SIR, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS
MICHIRU -
IT'S YOUR TURN.
DON'T BE SO TENSE
GO ON, GIVE IT TO HIM.
YES...
BAGS FULL OF CHOCO-LATES.
I THAT MANY PEOPLE LOVE HIM.
I AM JUST...

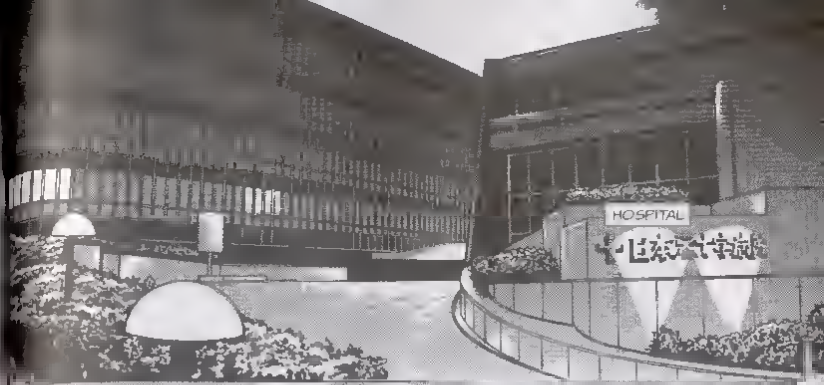
SIR, LISTEN.
SHE WANTED TO GIVE YOU CHOCO-LATES.
SHE'S BEEN NERVOUS SINCE THIS MORNING.
YOU SHOULDN'T MIND ME TOO MUCH.

MAY I HELP YOU?
ONE MORE CUP AT TABLE THREE!
TABLE FIVE... TWO CAKE SETS, ONE CAFÉ LATTÉ AND ICED TEA
THE GROUP AT THE SOFA WANTS CAKE FOR TAKE OUT
OH NO!
GIRLS NOWA-DAYS..!!
MR. SHIMA, PLEASE TURN YOUR BACK.
YES, SORRY
MS. MORI-KAWA,
WHAT-?
GOSH
SHE'S PALE...
THIS COULD BE SERIOUS...
MR SHIMA!
CAN YOU CALL AN AMBULANCE!

RIGHT !!
HEY, HIKARU!
MOVE YOUR ASS!
IF I COULD TAKE A LEAVE, I WOULD...
BUT WE ARE SO BUSY RIGHT NOW.
IT'S NOT EXACTLY A REGULAR NIGHT TONIGHT


SIGH
COS' IT'S VALEN-TINE'S DAY
MOST OF THEM ARE COUPLES
CUSTOMERS KEEP POURING IN!
BOTH THE SPONGE AND THE CREAM ONES ARE GREAT
OUR CAKES HAVE A REPUTATION OF BEING DELICIOUS.
THE CREAM HAS A NICE SHAPE BUT IT MELTS IN THE MOUTH.
IF MR. SHIMA WERE HERE,
I'D TREAT HIM TO IT
HEY, GET TO WORK! CUSTOMERS ARE WAITING!
YES SIR!
TAKING ORDERS NOW
SIGH
FRESHLY BAKED...
AHH -


HIRIN
ANYWAY,
IT'S GOOD THAT IT ISN'T ANYTHING GRAVE
IT'S REASON ENOUGH IN A GIRL'S MIND
I GUESS.
HER NAME IS MICHIRU YOSHINAGA, 2ND YEAR.
SHE LIVES ALONE WITH HER FATHER.
THE NURSE CALLED HIS OFFICE...
BUT HE CAN'T LEAVE YET
IN A GIRL'S MIND...
YES...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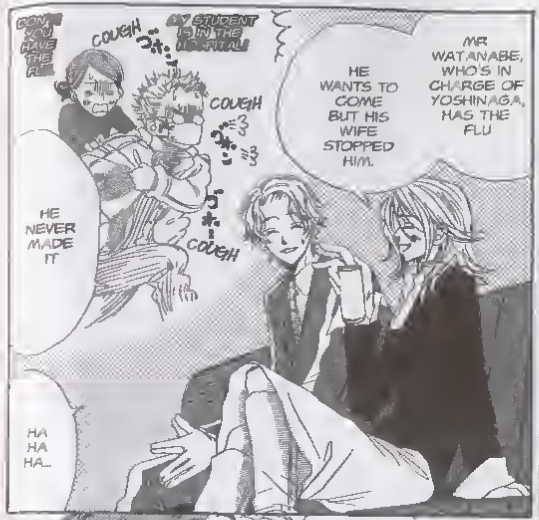
NOW I KNOW WHY SHE WAS PALE.

WHY WOULD SHE DO THAT?
BE-CAUSE

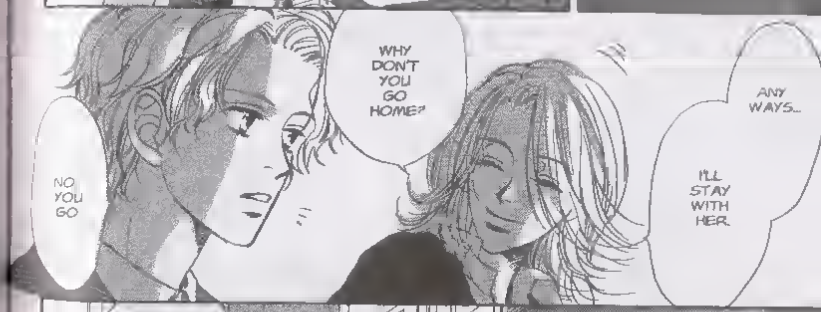
SHE WAS WEARING A SUIT ONE SIZE SMALLER THAN HER SIZE.
IT WAS SO TIGHT...
THAT IT ACTUALLY RESTRICTED HER BODY'S OXYGEN SUPPLY

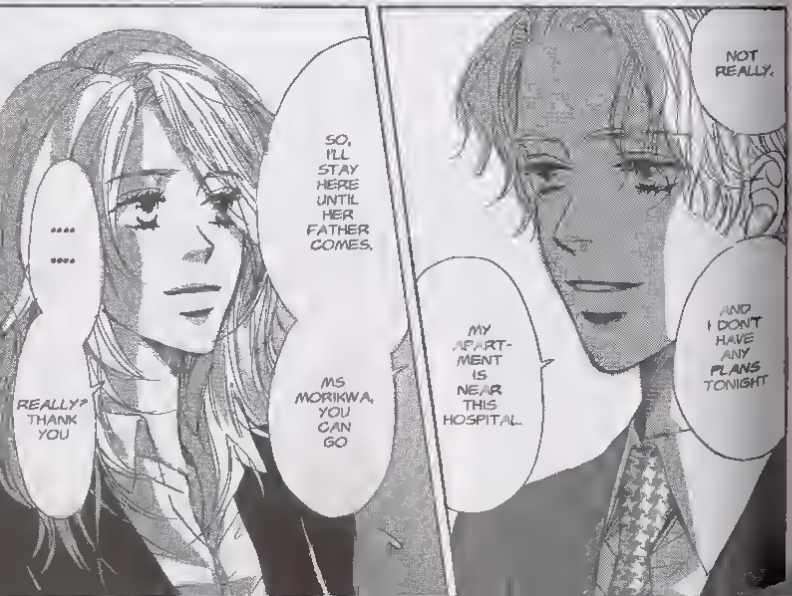
WELL, IT WOULD BE GOOD OF HIM TO DO SO...
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY?
IT'S ALREADY EIGHT O' CLOCK.
YOU THINK?
HA HA HA

MAYBE HE WANTS TO HOOK UP...
YES.
...WITH YOU LATER, TONIGHT?
THAT WOULD BE LIKELY OF HIM.


GONNA YOU HAVE THE FLU
COUGH
MY STUDENT IS IN THE HOSPITAL
COUGH
COUGH
MR WATANABE, WHO'S IN CHARGE OF YOSHINAGA, HAS THE FLU
HE WANTS TO COME BUT HIS WIFE STOPPED HIM.
HE NEVER MADE IT
HA HA HA...

IS THAT SO?
WELL, THAT'S TOUGH.


WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME?
NO, YOU GO
ANY WAYS...
I'LL STAY WITH HER.

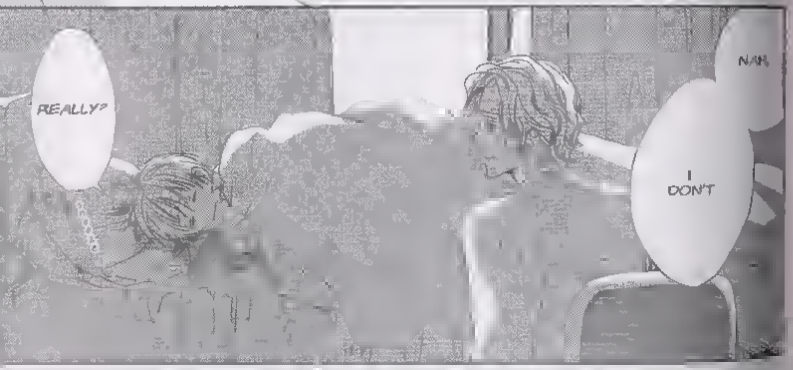

SO, I'LL STAY HERE UNTIL HER FATHER COMES.
MS MORIKWA, YOU CAN GO
....
REALLY? THANK YOU

NOT REALLY.
MY APART-MENT IS NEAR THIS HOSPITAL.
AND I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS TONIGHT

HE KNOWS WHERE I AM.
IT'S OKAY.
IF YOU DON'T GO HOME, HE'S GONNA MISS YOU.

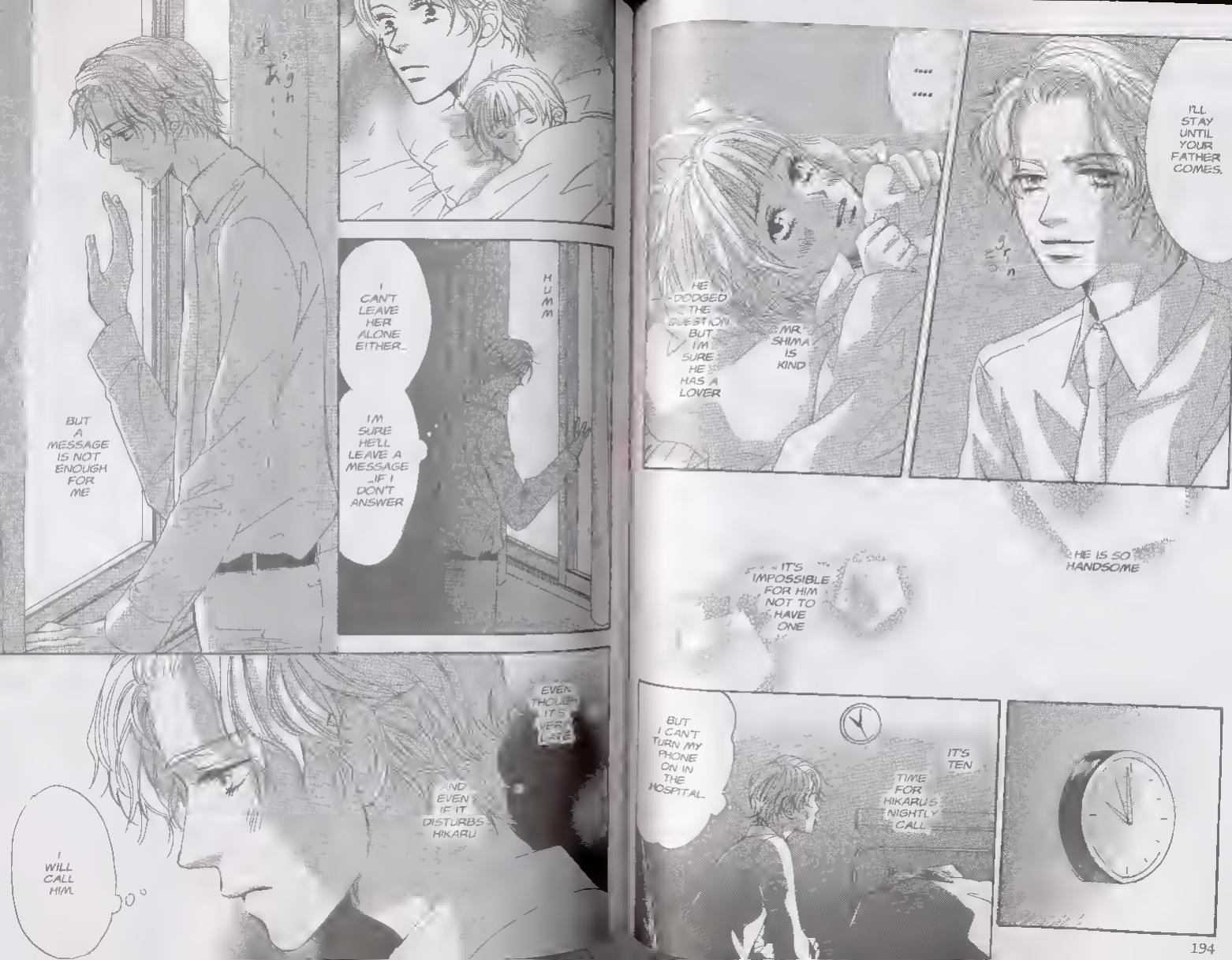
NO
BUT MR SHIMA -
AREN'T THERE LETTERS INSIDE?
TOO MANY FAVORS IN THE BAG..
IF AMAMIYA'S DONATING CHOCOLATES,
..COULD YOU BRING THESE TOO?
NO PROB-LEM. BUT...
I SEE
OKAY, I'LL BRING THESE CHOCO-LATES
SORRY..
I REFUSE LETTERS
I APPRECIATE THEM BUT IT'S A BURDEN FOR ME
REALLY?
SORRY,
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DON'T HAVE PLANS ON VALENTINE'S DAY
THAT'S SCARY.
YKNOW, SOMEONE YOU DON'T EXPECT..
..MIGHT BE WAITING FOR YOU IN YOUR APART MENT
BY THE WAY,
WOULD YOU MIND IF I ASKED YOU..
A STALKER.. SCARY..
RIGHT..
WHAT?

Y—
YOU PROBABLY HAVE PLANS
FOR WHAT?
BE-CAUSE TODAY IS VALEN-TINE'S DAY

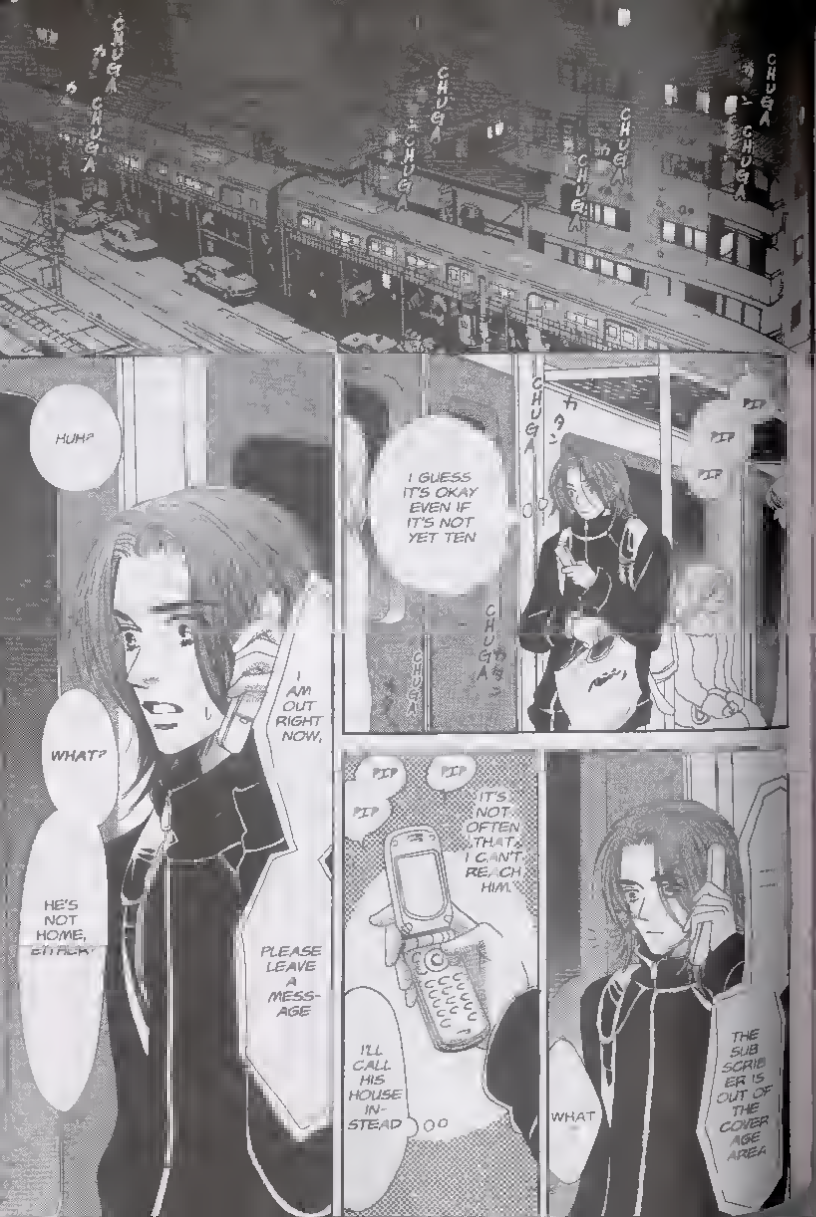

REALLY?
NAH.
I DON'T

HA HA HA
YES...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING
HEY, DON'T TALK. JUST REST.

GOSH.
I HOPE AMAMIYA APPRECI-ATES ME
...LIKE YOU DO
YOU'RE VERY HELP FUL.
THANK YOU
HCK
TOCK
HCK
TOCK
DARN, THESE ARE HEAVY
....
....
SORRY, SIR.


BUT A MESSAGE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME
I CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE EITHER...
I'M SURE HE'LL LEAVE A MESSAGE ...IF I DON'T ANSWER
HUMM
I WILL CALL HIM.
AND EVEN IF IT DISTURBS HIKARU
EVEN THOUGH IT'S VERY LATE
HE DODGED THE QUESTION BUT I'M SURE HE HAS A LOVER
MR. SHIMA IS KIND
I'LL STAY UNTIL YOUR FATHER COMES.
HE IS SO HANDSOME
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM NOT TO HAVE ONE
BUT I CAN'T TURN MY PHONE ON IN THE HOSPITAL.
IT'S TEN
TIME FOR HIKARU'S NIGHTLY CALL

PEAK HOURS ARE OVER, YOU CAN GO
TAKE A SOUVENIR.
BOSS?
THE SHAPE'S NOT SO GOOD, SO THAT ONE'S NOT FOR SALE.
EAT IT FOR DINNER!
I DON'T THINK CUSTOMERS WILL COME AT THIS TIME.
DON'T WORRY
BUT THERE'S AN HOUR TO GO BEFORE CLOSING TIME.
GETTING LATE.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
BOSS...
I THOUGHT THIS CAKE WAS SOLD OUT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
POP
HIKARU!
?!
I'LL DEFINITELY DO THAT


CHUGA
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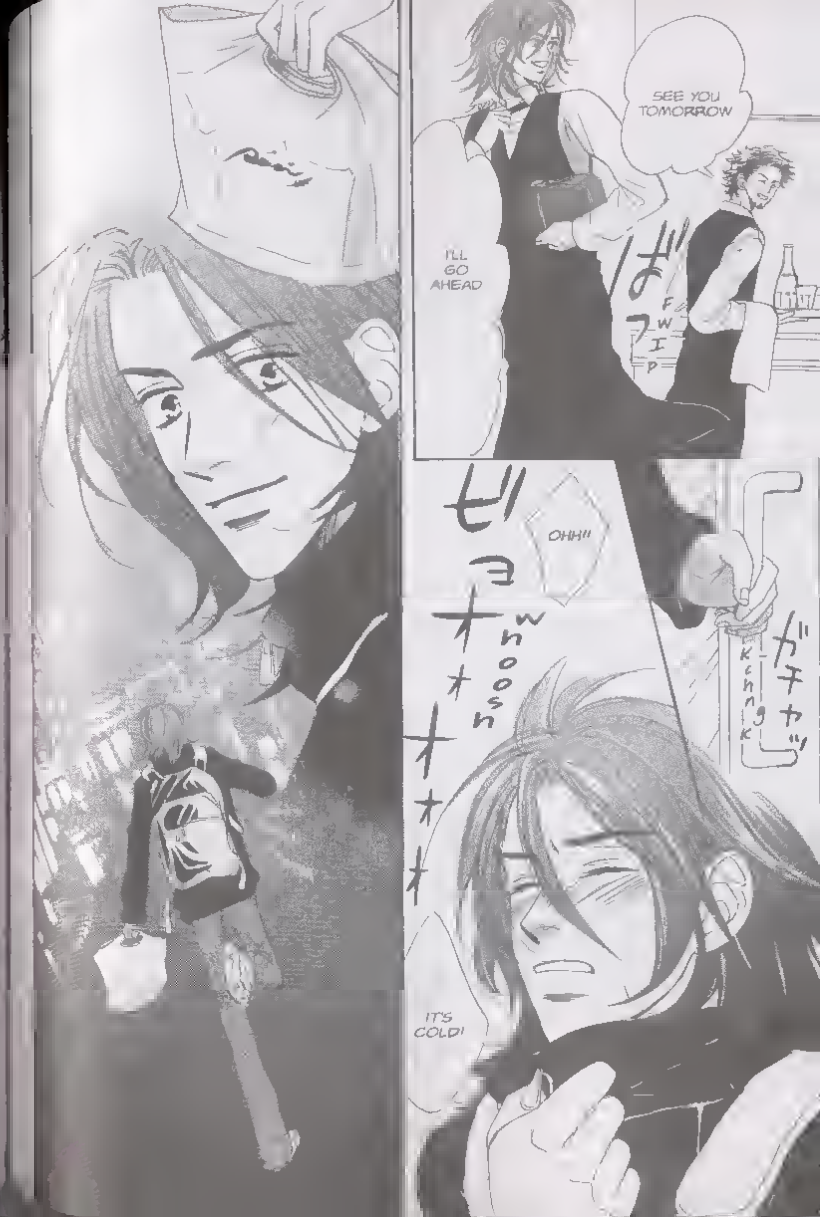
CHUGA
HUH?
I AM OUT RIGHT NOW.
WHAT?
HE'S NOT HOME, EH FUCK
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE
I GUESS IT'S OKAY EVEN IF IT'S NOT YET TEN
PIP
PIP
PIP
IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT I CAN'T REACH HIM.
PIP
PIP
I'LL CALL HIS HOUSE INSTEAD
WHAT
THE SUBSCRIBER IS OUT OF THE COVERAGE AREA


SEE YOU TOMORROW
I'LL GO AHEAD
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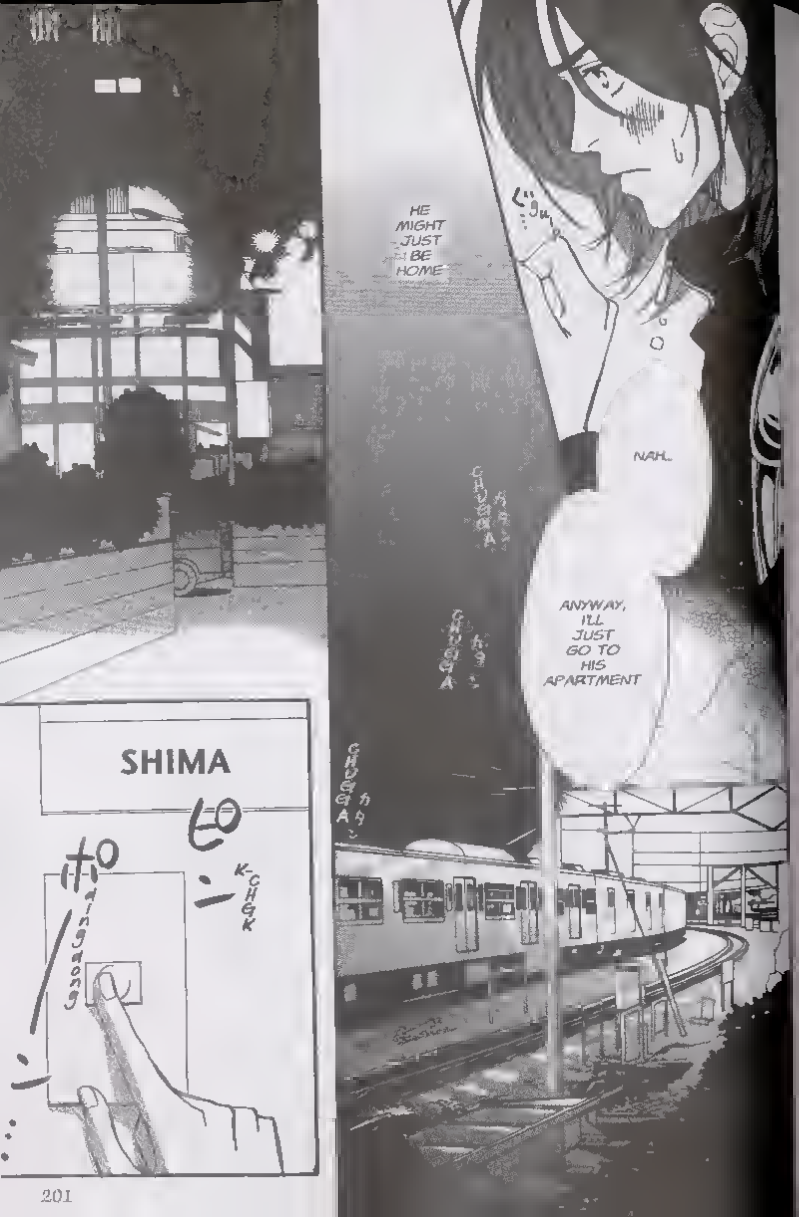
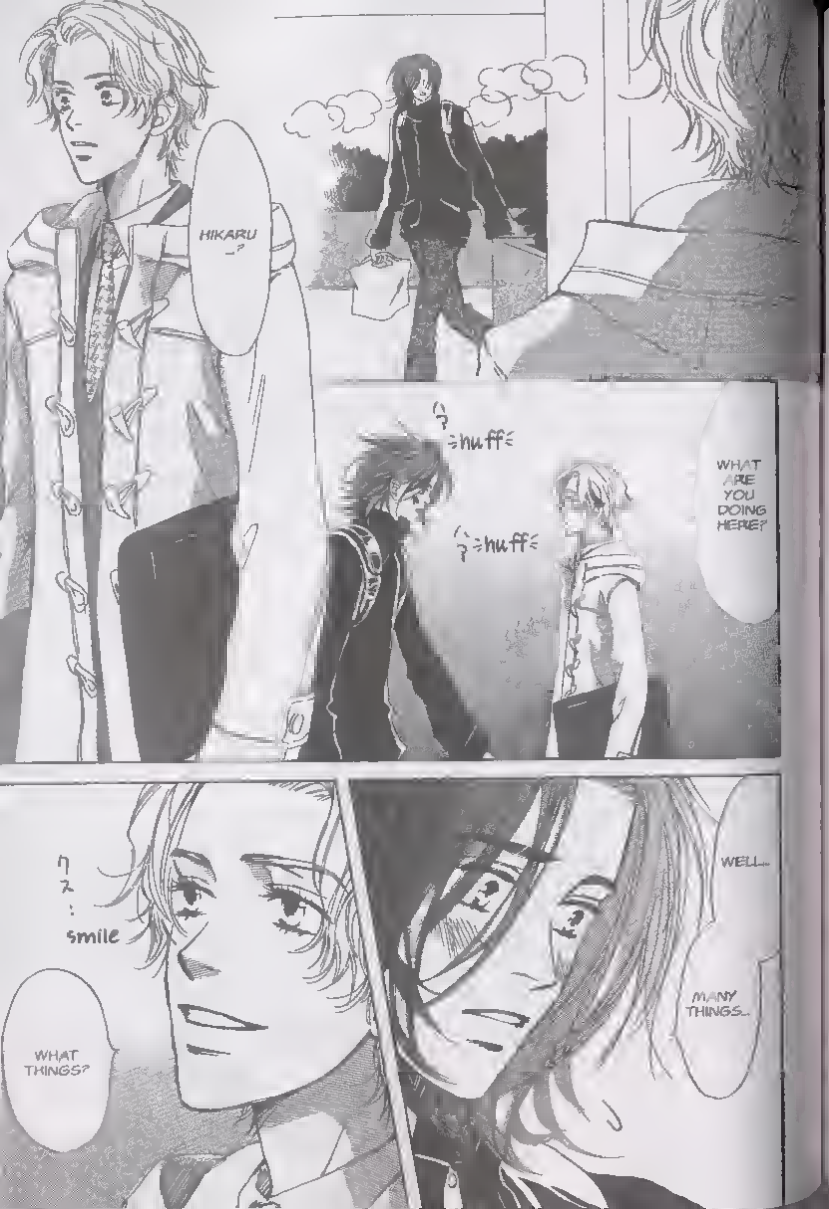
WHOOSH
OHH!!
ガチャッ
KCHNGK
IT'S COLD!


SHIMA
HE MIGHT JUST BE HOME
NAH.
ANYWAY, I'LL JUST GO TO HIS APARTMENT
CHUGA
CHUGA
CHUGA

NO
HE'S NOT THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU
WHAT?
ARE YOU IN HIS APART MENT?
AHH.
HELLO, MR. AMAMIYA
REALLY LOUD VOICE
キーン
YOU LEFT SHIMA ALONE ON VALENTINE'S DAY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ABSOL- UTELY NOT
HE MUST BE HOME
ER
BEING SCOLDED BY MY LOVER'S EX
WELL IS MR SHIMA THERE
I CAN'T REACH HIS PHONE
AHHH ..
....
HE'S OUT

IT'S FAST ELE VEN
WONDER WHERE HE WENT?
OH NO.
HE IS OUT
silence
PIP
BURU BURU BURU
ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE
ゴク…
gulp
HEY, UMINO!
RINGGG
RINGGG

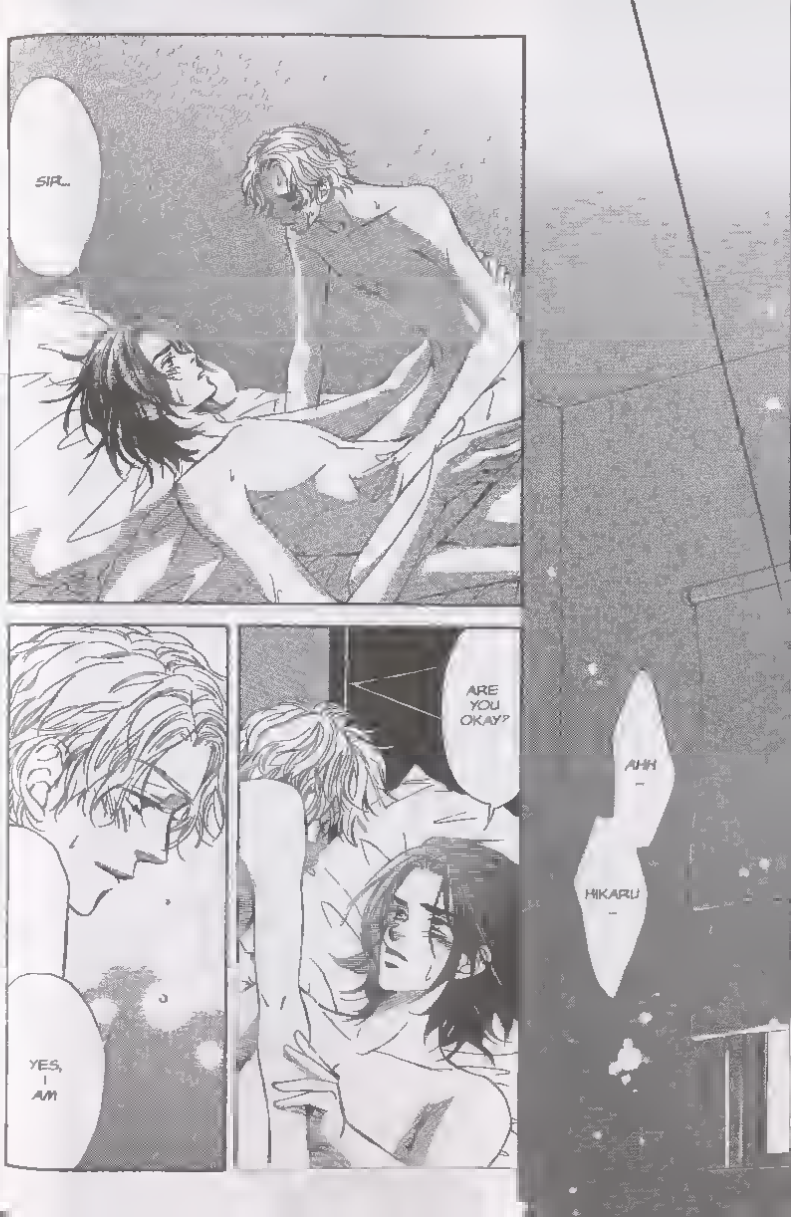

HIKARU-?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
huff
huff
WELL...
MANY THINGS...
smile
WHAT THINGS?

カシャ
KCLACK
MR. SHIMA!
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM?
NO, NO, NO...
OH MY GOD! THAT MEANS HE'S STILL IN THE HOSPITAL.
HOSPITAL?!
HEY, HIK-ARU!
NOT HIM
A STUDENT.

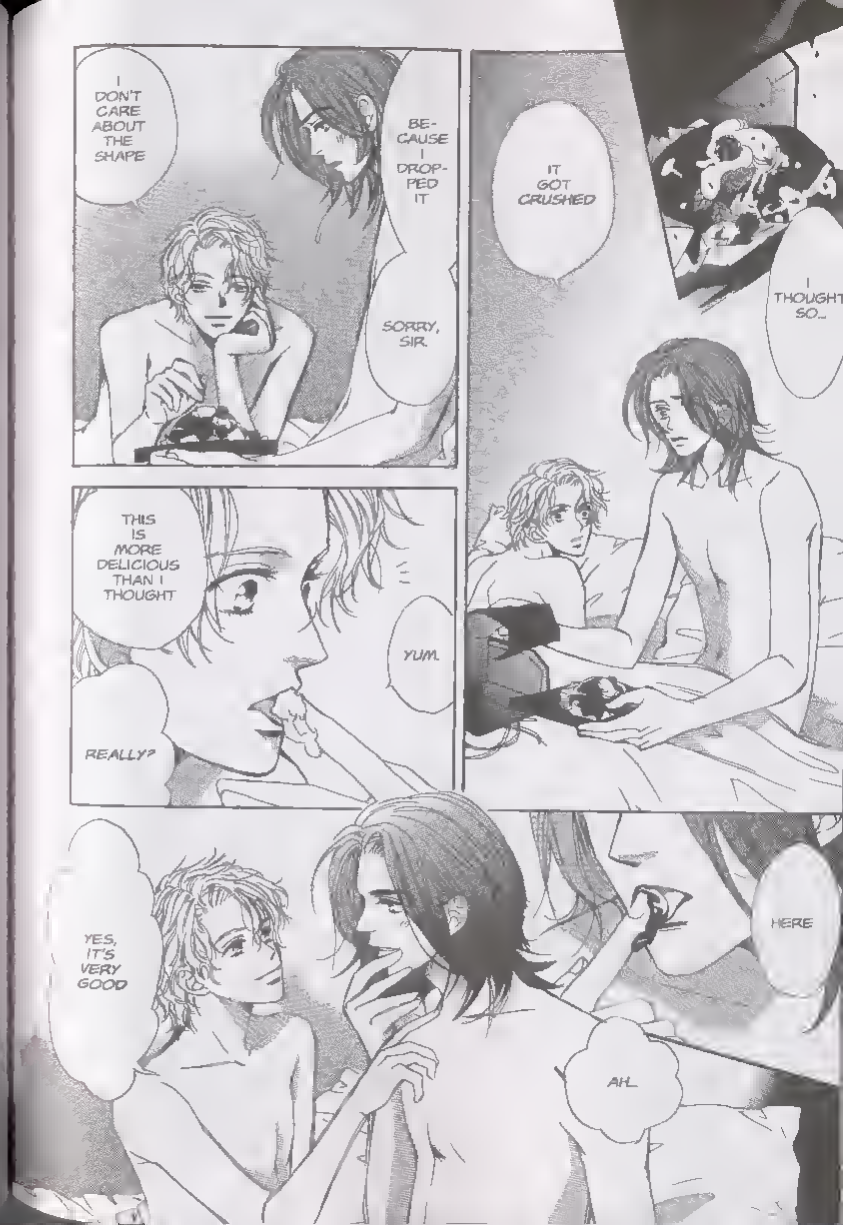
M...
WHY WERE YOU AT THE HOSPITAL?
"SOMEONE YOU DON'T EXPECT MIGHT BE WAITING FOR YOU IN YOUR APARTMENT"
SHH... DON'T TALK.
HIKARU...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
THANK YOU FOR COMING
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU

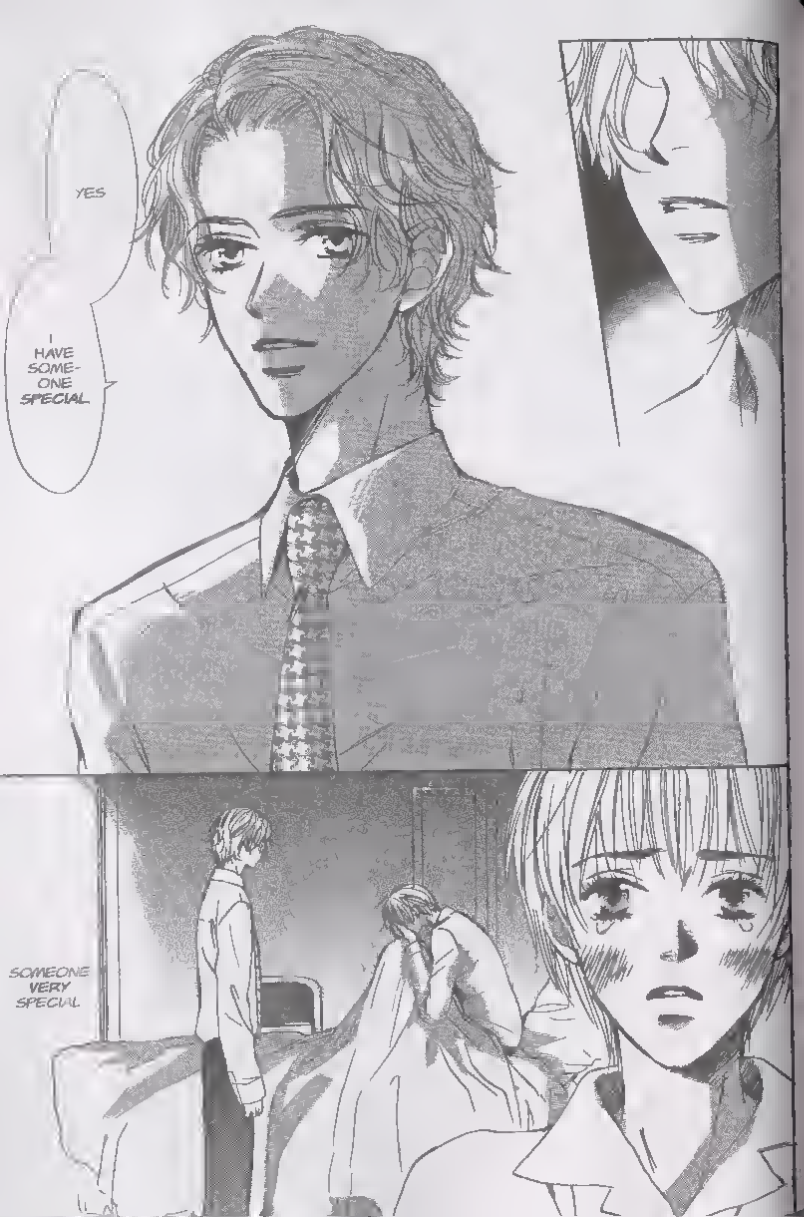
AMAZING!
!
YOU'RE REALLY HERE!
flop

creak
HIKARU
creak
SIR
!
creak
creak
creak
UHNN
HAAA
SIR

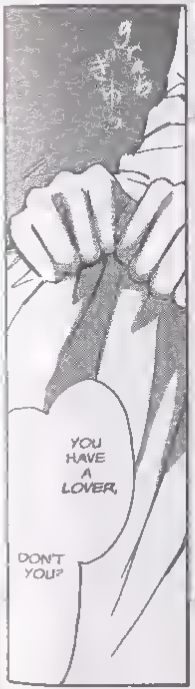

SIR...
ARE YOU OKAY?
YES, I AM
AHH
HIKARU

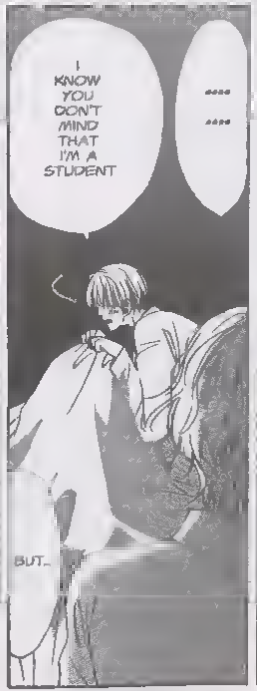
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THIS DELICIOUS
REALLY?
HEY
DON'T!
SIR !!!
SIR...
I LOVE YOU
SIR ...


I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE SHAPE
BE-CAUSE I DROP-PED IT
SORRY, SIR.
IT GOT CRUSHED
I THOUGHT SO...
THIS IS MORE DELICIOUS THAN I THOUGHT
YUM.
REALLY?
YES, IT'S VERY GOOD
HERE
AH...


YES
I HAVE SOME-ONE SPECIAL
SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL

I AM IN LOVE WITH YOU!

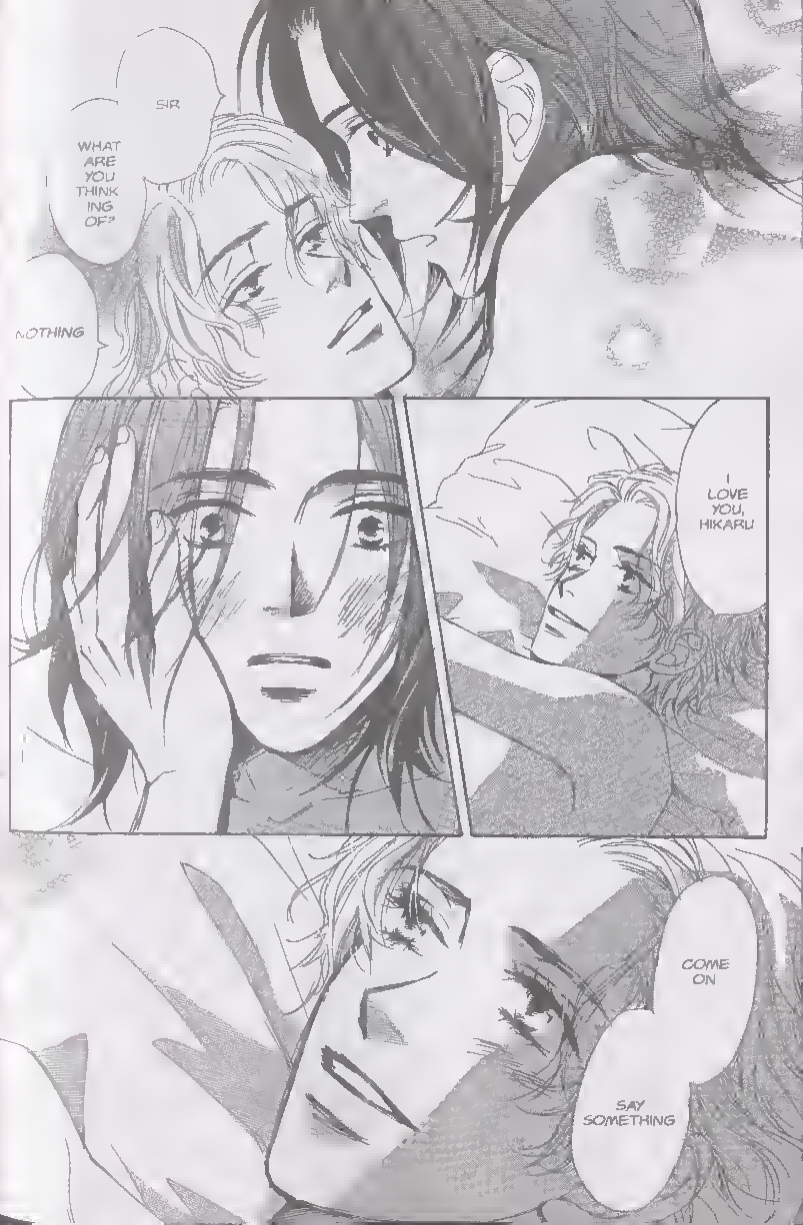

YOU HAVE A LOVER, DON'T YOU?


I KNOW YOU DON'T MIND THAT I'M A STUDENT
....
....
BUT...

YOSHI-NAGA...

MR. SHIMA...
I REALLY LOVE YOU.

WOW!
THIS IS THE BEST VALENTINE EVER!
....
....
HA HA HA
WHAT A SIMPLE GUY!
THIS IS THE HAPPIEST
I HAVE EVER BEEN IN MY LIFE.
I'M SO HAPPY!


SIR
WHAT ARE YOU THINK ING OF?
NOTHING
I LOVE YOU, HIKARU
COME ON
SAY SOMETHING

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